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I received a love letter from my "secret lover." It was not mailed to me, it simply had my name on it. I also received a candy gram from this same person. I have no idea w
After lunch, my girlfriends and I went outside of the lunchroom. My friend sat down, but there were no chairs. She thought she was sitting on a garbage can, but she was
shopping cart. I accidentally wore my brother's clothes to school. I did my first all-nighter working on a paper. In gym class freshman year, the volleyball went out of the c
making me really embarrassed. I went to the IU vs. Ohio State game on New Year's Eve. I won Angry Birds. I got lost on my way to class. I snuck up onto the school's roof and threw snowballs at cars. I saw my broth
fight at lu nit. I elbo y best frie the f a basketball ind askel d back, rol id the in. My dad caught my friend dancing ou
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blocks because of a dead battery. I picked up a new sport and ended up being pretty good at it. I didn't start my ten-page research paper for AP Com
They were trying to steal my pet rat, Scabbers, a.k.a Peter Pettigrew. I don't know what they wanted from him, but they meant business. I use
Every day I miss him more and more and I cry myself to sleep. I love you Scabbers. My friend and I got lost on the expressway. I went v
same week as Regionals for Marching Band. I debated for the first time at a tournament and won one round. I did 100 pushups in a row
old man in Spanish. I tricked my friend into eating a dog treat. I got my driver's permit. I got jacked. I got accepted into the Northwest In
the whole class on the last day of the semester. I was dubstepping. I made Varsity Dance and I got my letterman jacket. A kid in my ma
went to Alaska and saw a whale. I listened to Animal Crackers in my Soup. Best song. On November 12, my brand new car got totaled.
we would be moving from Miami to Indiana so during the winter break we had a road trip from Miami to here. I saw a mouse in a gym locker and let out a scream. I was walking to
of school so I got lost and I was like fifteen minutes late. I got to meet old friends that I haven't seen in years. This year I had knee surgery over Christmas break. This yea
chem because Mr. Graves' head was bobbing up and down because he fell asleep during a movie. I ran Cross Country, it was the heart warming story of the year. I fell d
a perfect score. I played a game of twister with my brothers Neil and Nicky. I got an A+ on a test... only one time though. I was in class and I cracked a joke, it
piano in complete darkness. I met my favorite basketball player, Jajuan Johnson, twice actually! My friend and I went ghost hunting and discovered my
party over the weekend. My family and friends came over. We had a great time. It may have been the best party I'll go to all year. I went skiing for the fi
to class, and my laptop strap broke off. My friends and I had a Skittle fight and I got hit in the eye. I tried the wrap special in lunch- I will never do that again. I had the ic
to D.C. I raced my friend down the hall. I only slept 12 hours in four nights due to homework. I got a lot of homework. It was too much to handle so I c
front of everyone. It was so embarrassing but hilarious at the same time. I went to the Mall of America. I slipped on a French fry at lunch. It was pretty
½ cup of oil. I dressed all wacky for the swim team, and we looked crazy. I did extremely awful on my finals. During the summer I jumped in a fountain
thought a wet floor sign meant free slip n' slide. I was wrong. Several bruises prove that. I went to Homecoming alone. I played a basketball game aft
work helped us go to State for the first time in history, definitely was the best day ever. When it was silent in study hall, I tried to sit in m
yes. I listened to Mr. Percifield ramble on about his past. It was interesting, but I wanted to finish my book. My travel volleyball team vis
new puppy this year. I was promised Honey Buns. I received a fulfilling and useful, well-rounded education. I got
day. I thought I wouldn't like it, but I actually did enjoy the movie. My boyfriend left for the Marines. I studied for
time, I was able to change lanes. I helped a freshman find their classes. I had to wait two months to get a parking
because I was talking and walking with my friend and got distracted. We won in biddy. I became captain of the
away. I went to my senior homecoming. I went to lunch, but it wasn't my lunch so I went back. After years of school, I finally graduated from 8th grade, finally starting the exciting high school years. This year I got a perfect on
an all-nighter writing a 10 page essay. I partied hard. I complained about a teacher to Dr. Gilworth. I went to Italy, and I had the time of my life. I went to a National Tennis Tournament and got second place. My friend and I bou
. Someone stole my iPhone in Fort Wayne. I placed at every debate tournament. I judged DECA role plays at study sessions. We walked in Kansas City. I made a lot of new friends and got really close
characters for Spirit Week with my friends. One of my friends was Pac Man, and we were ghosts. We chased each other around the hallway, making the Pac Man noises
school. I ran a Cross Country race. A new girl sat at our lunch table. I left half of my cell phone case on the bus. I got hurt and had to wear a brace on my arm! I bought a
my friend's house. Our band went to State. I went downtown to go shopping. I fell in the hallway. I did my homework. I broke my wrist. I had to fill out thi
I made new friends. I turned on my school laptop. I got an A on a test. I fell asleep in class. I was walking, and so
My friend dragged me across the band room floor. In gym when we saw each other walking the track, we would
Walgreens. My flip flop broke at school. I got shocked by my friend's cat. I got a detention. I tried out for Volleyba
because I had knee surgery. I made the Volleyball Team, and I made the top elite club volleyball team for travel volleyball. I got an A on a Government test.
I laughed forever. I realized I should start working at my full potential. I watched one of my ex-best friends hit someone's car while parking, then walk away. I learned a lot
I got a sticker for a good grade. I got a perfect on an accounting test. I walked into the wrong classroom. I was walking to my third hour class, and I forgot where I was going. I went to class, then lunch, then baseball, then I we
her throwing detention slips all above our bodies, yelling, "Well, that's what happens when you don't listen to me carefully." I got all A's. I got a detention. I walked my dog. I did my homework and turned it in. I saw a kid dancin
hallways and named one of the garbage cans Marcus. I swam varsity. I broke my foot. I fell asleep in all my classes. I ate an apple. I had to take a survey for the Paragon. I went to Chi
in the parking lot. My schedule changed. I had a big house party with friends and had fun. I joined French Club. I made Freshman Volleyball. I strained a leg muscle, and
my laptop case straps and fell. I tripped in the hallway and dropped all my books. My friends ruined a movie for me, so I dic
the morning. My best friend and I got to be in a webchat with Daniel Radcliffe. I ate pizza. We had a good time in
of the whole class. I was walking to my car, and I slipped on ice. I became a hero. I slipped while shoveling snow
change into a suit in a bathroom stall. I opened my locker. I fell down a flight of stairs. I rushed out of sixth hour a
danced in the hallway. I scored a goal in my soccer game. I signed myself up for tumbling. I shoveled snow. I had soccer practice. I played floo
a cool car; it went fast. I went to Miami. I went to an indoor track in Wisconsin. I won my Volleyball Game. My friends and I laughed so hard at lunch, w
Purdue blew a 19 point lead at Xavier. I had to work on a project. I ran into a garbage can. I was late to class. I fell asleep in a class, and my
date. Take a guess who the teacher is. I got an A on my math test. I bought an iPad 2. I went trick-or-treating. I sa
an elephant and developed elephantitis. I desperately tried to get tickets to a One Direction concert. I got my first deter
blood. I was walking in the hallway, and my laptop bag randomly snapped and fell onto the floor. People laughed at me, and it was so embarrassing. I was abducted by a
the other guy forfeited. I ate too much feta cheese and water and almost threw up. I started dating my best friend. I was going to m
a concussion by banging my head on my desk. I got my acceptance letter to IU Honors. I didn't drink Coke for 12 hours, and I had majo
I broke my ankle while snowboarding. I learned how to speak Chinese. I flew over to my boyfriend's college to surprise him on his birth
grams, and the note said "For for you, Glen Coco, you go Glen Coco." I went to France four times. I stayed up until 2:30 in the morning
adopted a baby girl. My band auditioned for Battle of the Bands, and we got to perform. I bought 16 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. I made the wrestling team. I graduated with honors. I
Hi-C in the morning, and I had to go to the bathroom five times during the day. I got one of my tweets retweeted three times. I followed Jesus Christ on twitter, and it was the best decision of my
Qualifier in debate. My mom made me cheesecake for my birthday. I ripped a hole in the pocket of my brand new sweatshirt. My dog actually did eat my homework. I made my boyfriend make
passed without getting tickets, and it was the best night ever. I got a cheddar bomb from Wendy's. I led the conga line at Turnabout. I got the Kelly scholarship at IU. I celebrated my three year a
t to Nationals with my tennis league. I finally got my license. I was a superfan at the Munster vs. Andrean basketball game and got to be a part of the Red Sea. I stayed up all n
of the year. My phone rang during one of Mrs. Premetz's tests, and I got it confiscated. I saw Senor's c
went undefeated. I broke one million points on Temple Run. I went to my first concert. I got to go on a
itter. I got my first tardy. I wore face paint to a football game. I brought
topus for the first time. I watched Pan's Labryinth in Spanish 5. I misse
n the first place. I finally tried everything on the regular menu at Starbucks. I tried Qdoba for the fi
ywhre. I got a new puppy. My parents bought me a new car. I borrowed my friend's old dress for Prom to
oyfriend got me a new watch for Christmas. I left up my Christmas tree until February. I went to outer spac
t to the Florida Keys with Project Bio. We made our first yearbook deadline. My hair looked really gross.
. I got a birthday tennis ball from Mr. Lopez. I made a LOLCAT and e-mailed it to my friends.
n they had to, and we ended up sitting in my car waiting. I had to drive 12 hours to S

Anthony Gomez, senior

Jeremias Casas, senior

Ethan Flahaven, senior

Simon Abu-aita, senior

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Students shared stories about real things that happened to them throughout the year. Some of these incidents defined that student's life for a weekend, while some will affect him or her for the next few years. Some of them meant something to an individual student, while others changed the lives of an entire graduating class. The variety of these stories shows that students worked alone as one individual as well as together as one student body. Regardless of the goals at hand, students portrayed an "on" attitude by striving for individual achievements and the success of the whole team.

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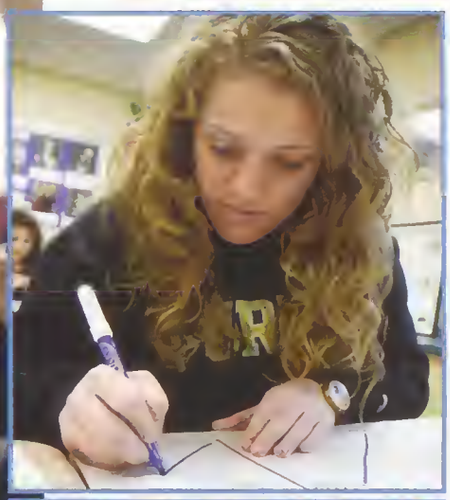

WITH THE SEAHORSE TROPHY, the Boys' Swimming Team celebrates winning the Conference Meet. **DRAWING A GRAPH**, Mira Culic, senior, does an activity in Economics. "Hands on activities made me learn better because the information stuck," Mira said. "When we did notes in class, my mind just wandered." **TRUMPET IN HAND**, Andrew Johnson, senior, plays along with the Pep Band at a Varsity Boys' Basketball game. **IN PUSH UP POSITION**, George Saez, senior, participates in 80s Workout Day during Spirit Week. "I didn't like that they took radios away, but I still had an awesome time," George said. "Everybody looked forward to that day. It was the one day seniors got to act really silly."

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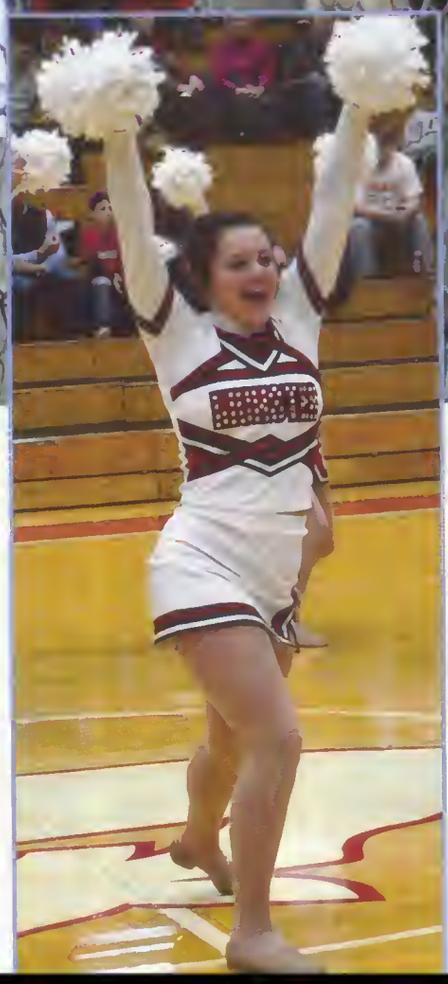


OVER THE TOP Cheering on his class, Sean McCarthy, junior, leans over the edge of the bleachers to show his school spirit during the pep rally. "You know, I just wanted to support my class and help them be the best they could be," Sean said. "Win or lose I was so proud of them." Spirit Week provided an opportunity for students to support one another and unite the school. **PRACTICE TO PERFECTION** Ready to cheer on the team, Jackie Malayter, senior, performs on the court during halftime, which allowed more practice for the team. "We were more aware of ours and our competitors strengths and weaknesses," Jackie said. "This helped us focus on what we needed to work on in practice and strategize on how we could keep up with and possibly beat our rivals." **UP IN FLAMES** During a chemistry lab, Brandon Galambos, sophomore, puts an element over the gas burner. "I had to take a chemical substance and hold it over the flame to see the reaction it made," Brandon said. "I was surprised because it changed from an orange-red flame to a blue flame." Working in the lab meant that students needed to have an "on" attitude in order to complete the experiment correctly. **IN TUNE** Focused on playing the correct notes and steps, Tessa Faubion, freshman, performs in front of the crowd at a football game. The Marching Band placed 10th at the State competition at Lucas Oil Stadium with their show, Bounce. "It was really exciting because this was the first year in school history that we got to go to State," Tessa said.

ONE TIME

Taking detours to avoid yet another construction site, cars crowd the Auditorium parking lot as you struggle to make it to first hour before the 7:45 a.m. bell rings. As you strolled into AP Biology, Modern World History or English, you faced stacks of brand new boxes, waiting to be torn open only after your Algebra 2 teacher lectured endlessly about the new responsibilities you had. Plastic packaging, wire and stray cardboard pieces scattered the floor as you received what would soon replace your textbooks: your very own black Dell laptops.

The workload didn't change with the introduction of the laptops, and neither did the little things, like that steaming hot McCafe coffee you downed right before first hour that made your day a little bit brighter. You bought caramel filled Fannie May bars from music students and dressed to impress by putting on a sweater every Thursday morning. Before you noticed, the laptops just became another thing you couldn't leave home without. However, your daily routines took a new turn when you returned from winter break to see a new South hallway, causing you to sprint from AP Literature and Composition in North all the way down to Spanish 3 in South.

As second semester began, classes changed, and now, you were the only one you knew in Advanced Speech. You met new people and learned their talents, like the girl in Calculus who spent the summer learning Chinese, or the boy in Physical Education who fenced at national competitions. Even though individuals succeeded in their own way, the school's unity shined just as bright. Superfans supported the Varsity Boys' Basketball Team by sporting custom made "Teach Me How to Jerge" t-shirts, and the Art Club painted faces at the Cancer Walk in Centennial Park.

As you opened the lid of your new laptop and pressed the glowing power button, no one knew what kind of impact the new technology would have. You sent emails to your teachers and friends, received virtual reminders from coaches and turned your assignments in on turnitin.com. You became connected to each person on a single network, faced the same technological issues and overcame them as ONE

ONE FOR ALL

Whether drafting a paper or listening to music, students find ways to incorporate school laptops into their lives

Every classroom in the school hums the Microsoft Windows 7 start up tune as over a thousand Dell laptops turn on all at once.

With the one-to-one computing (1:1) initiative in effect, teachers and students alike experimented with this new technology in the classroom.

"The original textbook wasn't part of the equation," Mr. Steve Tripenfeldas, principal, said. "The way they got the information from the books and the way it was presented was enhanced."

In the months following the 1:1 initiative, the administration faced filter breaks and social networking sites.

"It seemed that every time they blocked one site," Morgan Kaptur, sophomore said, "we all found another site to use."

Jake Lakomek, sophomore, enjoyed using the laptops in his classes.

"I liked them," Jake said, "They were more fun than books."

However, some students would rather stick to regular textbooks, according to Chris Perez, junior.

"They were bulky and you had to put them in the case," Chris said. "They had to update all the time, which meant a lot of waiting."

Chris also found that the laptops had too many problems.

"There were things that people had to do with their computer on the first day and they started messing up," Chris said.

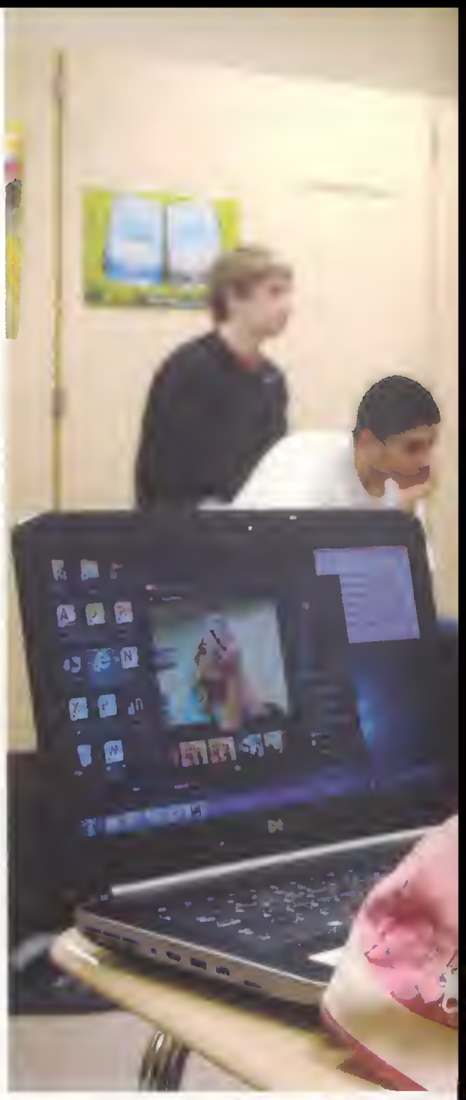
However, the implementation of the 1:1 initiative gradually improved over time as every adjusted, according to Mr. Tripenfeldas.

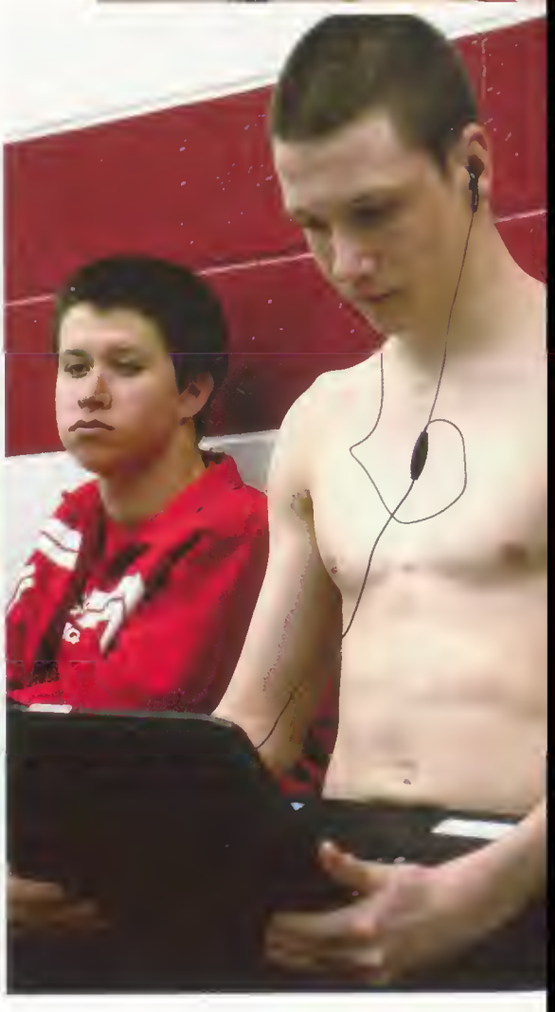
Teachers in the Math Department took this as a learning opportunity as well, according to Mrs. Pat Premetz, math teacher.

"It was a process that we all had to learn through," Mrs. Premetz said. "But I was really excited. We had access to things we haven't before. Our students were digital natives."

Although only the Math and Science Departments adopted e-textbooks, students used laptops in other classes as well.

"It made writing much more rich since students weren't hindered by having to wait for a computer lab," Mr. Tripenfeldas said. "It made real-time research possible."





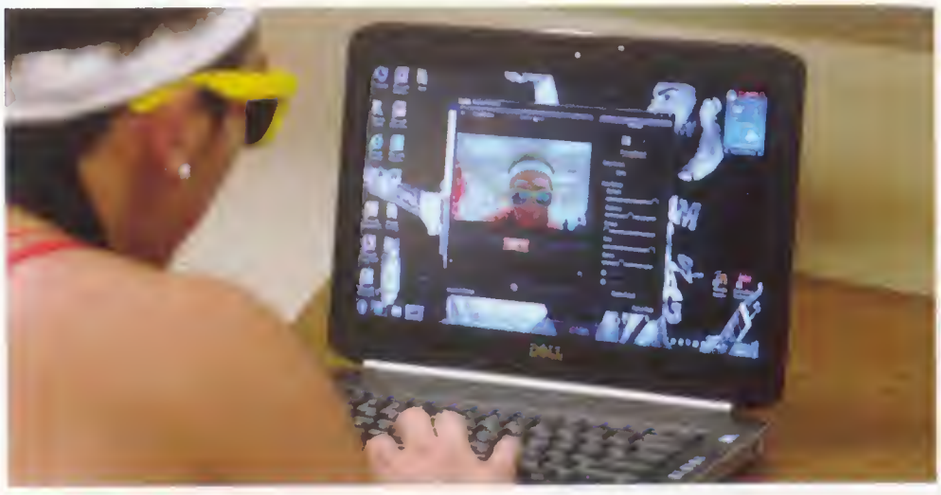
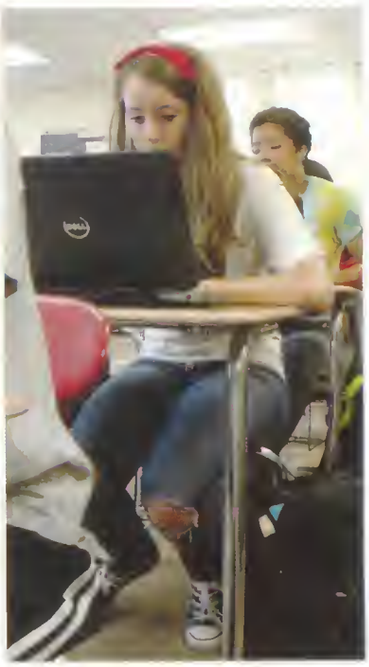


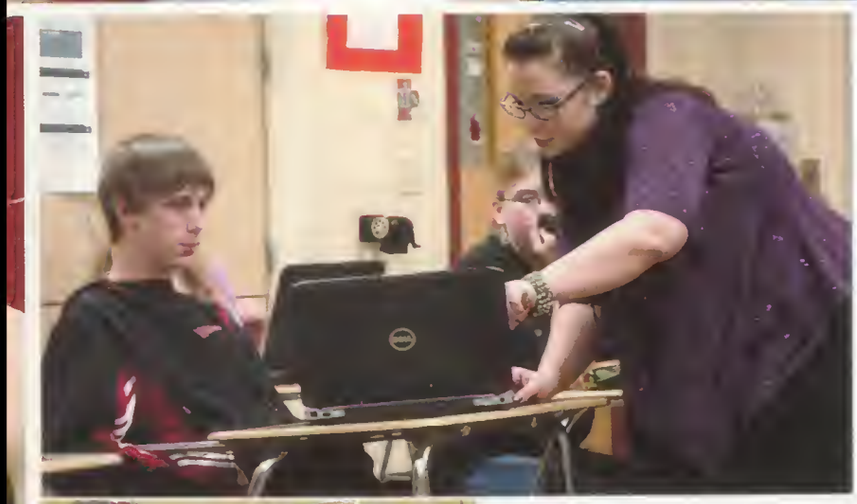
PHOTO READY
Dressed in 80s workout attire for spirit week, Kale Terpstra, snaps a quick photo on his laptop's webcam. In addition to academic purposes, students found fun ways to use the laptops during school.

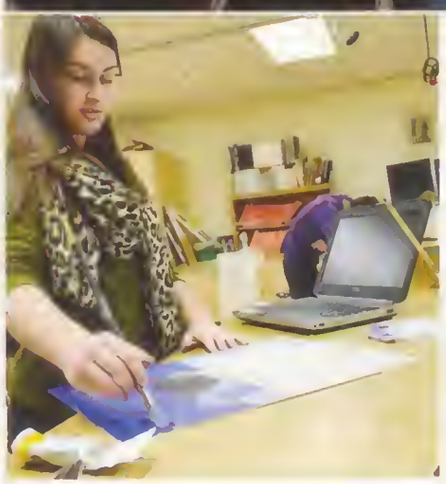
DOWN TIME
Earbuds in, Henry Gallagher, senior, listens to music on his laptop during a swim meet. "It helped me a lot because I didn't have an iPod," Henry said. "I used my laptop instead for music."

TOUCHING UP
Adding on more eye shadow during Study Hall, Jill Raddemacher, junior, uses her laptop's webcam as a mirror. "I used my laptop to put on make up, send emails to friends and organize my things," Jill said. "They were useful, and they made the school day go by easier."

TYPE IT OUT
With extra time during AP Psychology, Juliet Capriglione, senior, uses Moodle to download documents. "I felt like they were kind of a waste of time," Juliet said. "They made things more complicated."







WATCH AND LEARN
Looking closely at the screen, Matt Charles, junior, watches as Ms. Tanya Galloway, English teacher, shows him an example. Matt found that the laptops made the school day easier. "They made it more simple to turn work into teachers," Matt said. "It was also less books in the backpack and now we used less paper."

SPLASH OF COLOR
With paint brush in hand, Melissa Vlahu, senior, uses her laptop to search images of a mermaid as a reference for her painting. "I always used my laptop in art," Melissa said. "I had to see the image in order to paint it and my laptop let me search for almost any image I needed."

HIGH TECH

New programs and features of 1:1 computing aid student learning

- ***Microsoft One Note***
  This program allowed students to have digital notebooks, which they could separate into dividers and sections, add videos and links
- ***Microsoft Outlook***
  Along with the school email, students could improve communication with peers and teachers, plan events and invites and manage a calendar
- ***Moodle***
  All students could obtain homework, documents and class information online on the class moodle site
- ***Battery life***
  Each computer battery had a 9.5 hour battery life, which was one of the longest computer battery lives in the industry
- ***Hard Drive***
  Hard drives serve as the primary storage device of the machine. It had a 250 gigabyte (GB) hard drive, while most new computers today only have 1240 GB

source: Mr. Steven Tripenfeldas, principal

OUT OF THE BOX
As she takes out her laptop and case for the first time, Morgan Stahl, senior, clicks on the strap. "They made us more dependent on technology," Morgan said. "We didn't communicate face-to-face as much anymore."

ON TASK

Trying to master the balancing act of high school life, students get in their element, stay focused, and rise above the standards in different areas of interest.

When Sammy Dong, junior, returns home after living in China for a year, summer is just beginning. For Sammy, however, the break had ended. He immediately started studying up on missed classes.

"At first, it was mostly just to make up the credits that I hadn't received while overseas," Sammy said. "After I had realized those goals I then turned my attention to excelling in more difficult classes as well as in extracurricular activities."

After countless hours of studying and practice, Sammy ended up testing out of a full year of Spanish 3. He had enabled himself to continue his studies as if he had never left the school.

With the high standards set by today's society, high school students found themselves flooded with tasks. Somehow they're expected to balance practices, rehearsals, and club meetings while maintaining a high grade point average and a social life. However, students knew how to stay on top of it all.

Some shined in their extracurricular activities. In only her first year on the Speech Team, Zaria Suggs, sophomore, placed first in her event at four separate Novice tournaments. She later placed first in Varsity at the Munster meet, earning her a spot on the Sectional team.

"There were many things that motivated me in speech--whether it was my peers, all the way to the coaches that helped me on any occasion that I asked," Zaria said.

Sports also provided students with additional goals to work toward. Ryan Kritzer, freshman, lettered as a Varsity Cross Country member. Ryan had to run between three and nine miles and had to practice about two hours every weekday. The exertion paid off when he was rewarded for his efforts, according to Ryan.

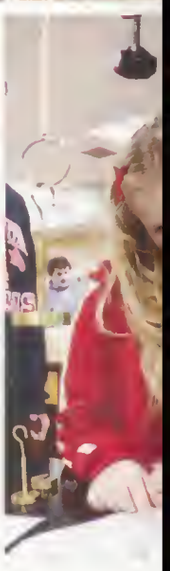
"When I lettered I felt amazing even though I was not expecting to," Ryan said.

So how did students have enough determination to continue on, even in the toughest of times? The answer was a simple belief in a cause, according to Zaria.

"I believed that at the end of the day, motivation came from within," Zaria said. "As my brother, Zachary, would say, everyone did what they wanted to do, and if you didn't believe in what you were working for, you weren't going to want to do it."

SPARKS FLY
While focusing in on the metal, Jacob Kerrick, junior, learns how to weld. Jacob was one of the students who tapped into their interests at the Hammond Area Career Center (HACC). "HACC helped me learn about something I was interested in," said Jacob.

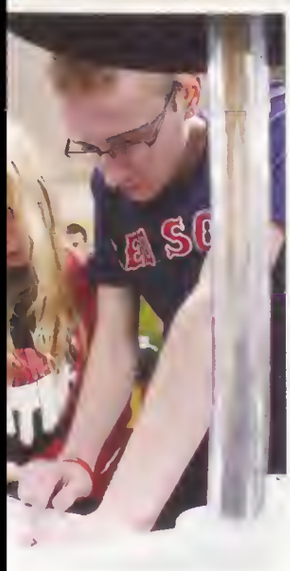
SINK OR SWIM
To help out the children, Carly Kennedy, freshman, teaches swim lessons. Even during her off hours on the swim team, Carly jumped back in the pool to assist the young kids. "I liked teaching the kids because it made me feel responsible," Carly said.



ON TASK
In order to work through a experiment, seniors Chelsey Wallace and Grant Doctor gather around a worksheet. "Sometimes I was on top of everything and managed my time well after school," Chelsey said. "Usually though, I waited until the next morning and did work during other classes."

FIXED IN
With his Robotics teammate, Matt Cappo, sophomore, works to create a robot. Members of the robotics club had to meticulously work on combining all the parts of the robot. "The best part of building the robot was finishing it because then you could play with it and decorate," Matt said.

HELPFUL POINTERS
Huddling in for a pep talk, Bernadette Grabowski, junior, and her teammates listen to Coach Matt Backs, Wilbur Wright Middle School teacher. The Girls' Varsity Basketball team would discuss different strategies to use during the games. "The talks kept me focused because they gave me time to think and helped get myself together," Bernadette said. "Also during the timeouts, my teammates were the main reason I got the motivation I did, and it was because of them I went back in the game with confidence."



DOUBLE TAKE
While in her cheerleading uniform, Renee Zapinski, junior, did double duty when it came to extra-curriculars. Renee, along with other students, worked hard to excel in both activities. "It was important to me to do both because I like them both," Renee said.

TOP TIPS

Maya Portillo, junior, gives tricks for staying "on"

- **Have a strong support system.** "When stress builds up, having someone to talk to is helpful."
- **Create a dream board.** "While I was working on homework, I could look up and see quotes, pictures of universities I wanted to attend."
- **Don't dwell on the past.** "Keep an open mind for what lies ahead."

THIN MINT TAKEOUT

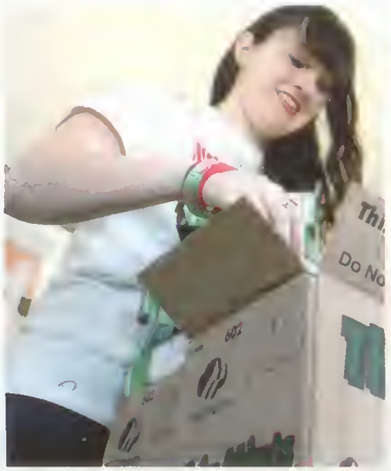
Prepared to pass out cookies, Erin Chant, junior, fulfills one of the duties as a Girl Scout member. "When people thought of Scouts, they usually thought of little girls in uniforms coming to their door," Erin said. "They didn't think of older girls as scouts."

BURNING UP THE DANCE FLOOR

Across the dance floor, Sean Nolan, senior, spends his Saturday nights practicing with a Macedonian dance group. "Being a part of the dance group means that I can learn and pass on to the future generations the traditions and culture of my ancestors," Sean said.

JELLO SURPISE

Taken by surpirse, Natalie Vick, senior, finds her lunch card placed in gooey green jello."To get away from the stress of senior year, my friends and I would always try to find creative ways to have fun and mess around," Natalie said."I was actually fairly impressed with how well the prank was done."



PORTRAYING PASSION

Ivan Gutierrez, senior, plans on applying his artistic skill as a carreer after graduation.

For most students, their childhood was a very pleasant and memorable period in their life. However, for Ivan Gutierrez, senior, remembering his childhood brought back a time of struggle and hardships.

Growing up, Ivan always received hand me downs from older brothers and was always taught to eat all the food on his plate.

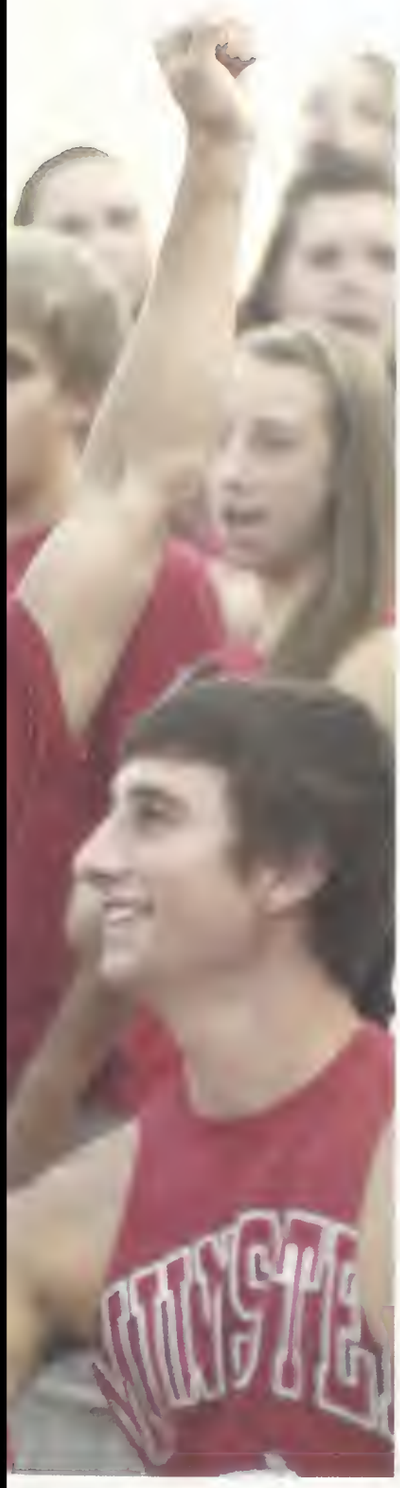
"When I was young, my dad would fix every house we lived in," Ivan said. "He was a very hard worker."

Therefore, Ivan would like to give back to the community by creating artwork for people that come from poor backgrounds.

"I think it was unfair for paintings and art work to go for thousands of dollars," Ivan said.

After graduation, Ivan would like to continue with art and go into graphic designing.

"I suppose I would like to be in galleries wearing a fancy suit and such," Ivan said. "But ultimately I would like to inspire others with my art work."



ONE FOR ALL

Amidst a sea of individuals, students find their own way to stand out and express themselves

Each individual has something that sets them apart from their fellow classmates, whether it is the ability to dance, play guitar, or even hunt. Despite the different talents each student has acquired, they are each responsible for making up the student body.

While most students would prefer to spend their Christmas break away from school related activities, Colleen Lusk, freshman, got the idea for writing a book the week before Christmas break. Diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at birth, Colleen became inspired to write about the ordeals she had encountered. Colleen hoped to convey one simple message to teenagers who also suffered from cystic fibrosis.

"Life had its ups and downs, but never give up and stay strong because it was all for the best," Colleen said.

Gathering the strength to rise out of bed at 5:40 a.m. is nothing new to Roger Jachna, sophomore. Inspired by his older sister, Elisha, in the fourth grade, Roger signed up for training as an altar server that summer. As the training began to wrap up, Roger grew more anxious to fulfill his duty at St. Thomas More Church.

"My sister was an altar server, and as I grew up, I decided I wanted to step into her shoes," Roger said.

Being part of a Girl Scout troop proved to be more than just selling boxes of Thin Mints and Samoas, according to Erin Chant, junior.

Aside from selling, Erin's Girl Scout troop hosted a summer camp for younger girls that come from all over the area.

"We were role models for the young girls who looked up to us," Erin said. "We would always tell them that they should remain scouts even when they got older, and they really did listen."

Dancing at St. Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Church provided an opportunity for Sean Nolan, senior, to embrace his heritage, according to Sean.

"Not that long ago, I would have worried about what others thought, and would have felt embarrassed, but now I stopped caring," Sean said.

With practice once a week for two and a half hours, Sean also had the opportunity of meeting new people in the dance group. Performing at Navy Pier during the Winter Wonderfest allowed Sean to bond with his new dance friends.

"I wanted to meet new people, better know my culture, and was in the mood for something different," Sean said.

Although the school is composed of many unique individuals with diverse characteristics, each one holds a place in the school.

OPEN ARMS Yelling at the top of his lungs, Simon Abu-aita, senior, shows school spirit during a home football game. "Participating in the fan section is almost as important as being on the team itself," Simon said. "Every team needs their support and motivation to move forward, and that is what the fans are for."

ME TIME

CINCTURE IN HAND, Roger Jachna, sophomore, gets prepared to help out during mass. "It felt great to give back to my religious community," Roger said. **GUN IN HAND,** Kim Szymkowski, sophomore, shops around for the right hunting gun. "The peaceful environment of being in the middle of a forest really helped me to get to know myself," Kim said. **UP ON STAGE,** Flynn LeMonnier, sophomore, focuses on playing the proper note during Battle of the Bands auditions. "The guitar just became a part of me and how I was able to express myself," Flynn said.

WRITE ON
On the couch pondering what to type to next, Colleen Lusk, freshman, listens to music to get started. "When I needed to get started on my writing, I usually pulled out my Ipod and listened to Sheryl Crow and Sarah Mclaughlin," Colleen said.

ONE GOAL

Whether adjusting to laptops or supporting classmates at basketball games, students bring themselves together as one

A mass of black shirts fills the student section on the night of the Homecoming game. Superfans sent out a "black out" memo to prepare to support the Varsity Football Team against the Andrean '59ers.

"Superfans really helped identify all of us as Mustangs," Alex Ingoglia, senior, said. "When we rallied with classmates, it united us."

Superfans contributed to school unity by supporting classmates during sporting events. The student-run group attended games to cheer on their peers. The creation of a Facebook group improved communication and encouraged active participation, according to Alex.

To excite the crowd, Superfans had a variety of cheers, one of which having to do with laptops. "We have laptops! We have laptops!" resounded from the student section at games.

The addition of laptops, along with Superfans, unified the school in a number of ways. One of these ways included the changes they brought. From freshmen to seniors, the transition from textbook to e-book was a new experience.

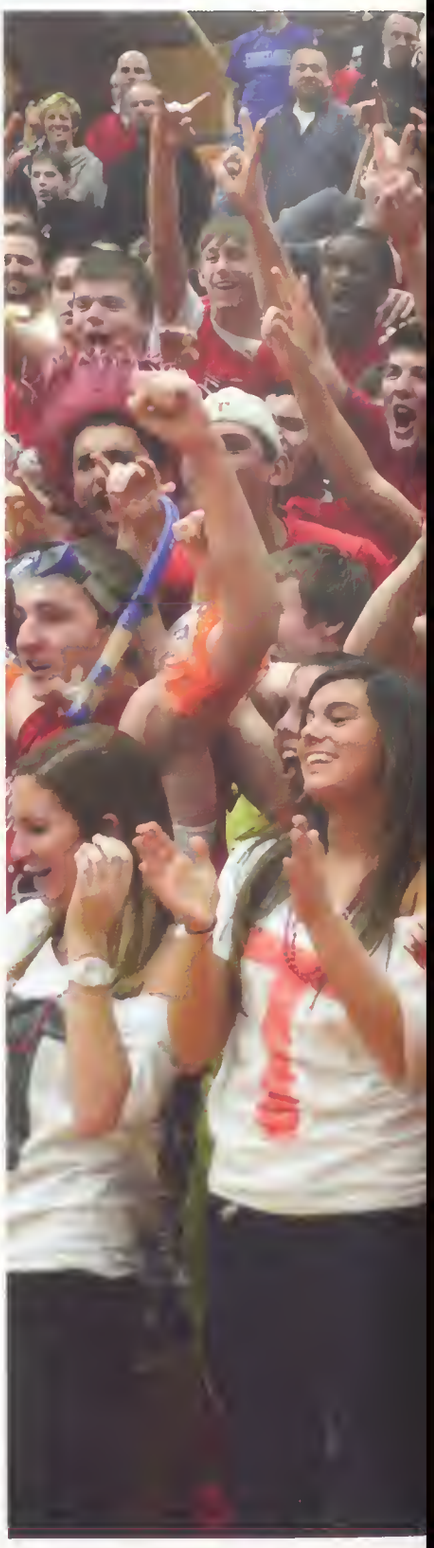
"The laptops gave all of us a level of unity because we were on the same page," Maria Karamichos, sophomore, said. "We all had the same issues, so people had new conversation starters and new friends were made."

However, it was not just changes that came with them that unified the school. The initial purpose of the laptops, 1:1 computing, brought the school closer together.

"When I was at home, I was able to just email a teacher or friend if I had a question about homework," Joey Gardner, freshman, said. "The address book on Outlook made emailing easy."

With the click of a button, Microsoft Outlook allowed students to have access to everyone. It made communicating easier. The Moodle Learning System also opened communication for classes and clubs with its group pages. Some of the clubs that benefitted from Moodle included Robotics, Speech and Project X. These clubs, and many others, helped to unify the school.

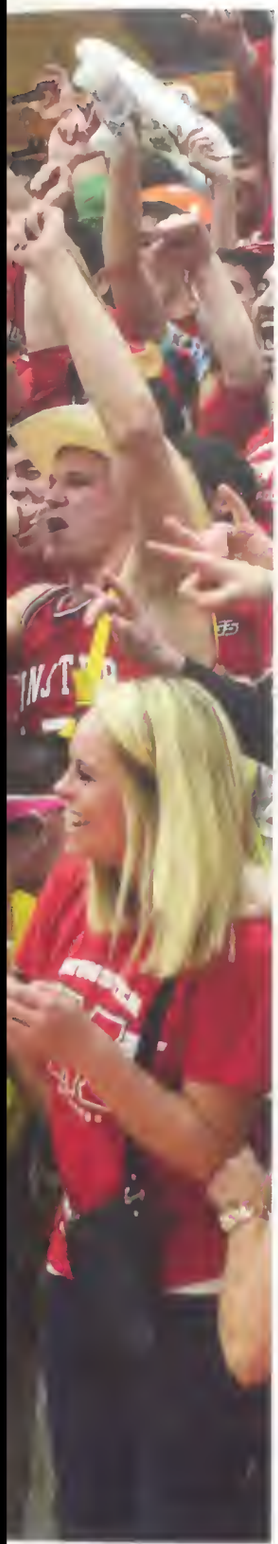
Whether adjusting to a new way of learning or blacking out the Student Section, students came together as one.



CROWD TOGETHER
Cheering in the student section, seniors Sarah Kinser and Morgan Newton support classmates at a basketball game. "Cheering brought us together because it was something we could do as a whole for once," Sarah said.

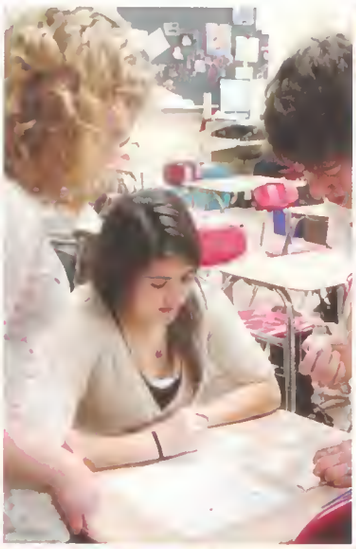
VICTORY DANCE
Celebrating the win, the senior Powder Puff team dances with joy. "Most of the team played the previous year, so it really helped that we knew each other and were familiar with the game," Ellen Wynn, senior, said. "We wanted to have fun playing for the last time."

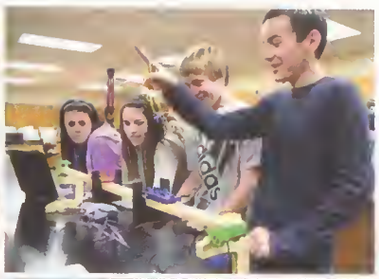
SAY CHEESE
Sharing fondue, German club members attend a party. "In clubs, I made so many friends that I wouldn't normally have talked to," Judie said. "We did so many activities that we couldn't help but meet new people."



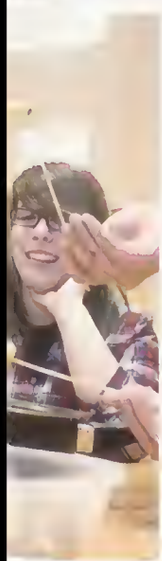
COOPERATION STATION

From Physics and Chemistry labs to essay projects, groups of students work together and learn to unite their skills





CROWDED AROUND A DESK, juniors Jessica Ivetich, Julia Adams and Mat Enger solve a math puzzle together. Students practiced math in different ways to make learning the material interesting. **CONDUCTING AN EXPERIMENT,** Harry Goldenberg, sophomore, works on a physics lab with juniors Colleen Ogren, Bridget Pruzin, and Aaron Handler. "I really liked working in groups because it was better to have more than one viewpoint," Harry said. **HAVING A LAUGH,** juniors Nicole Plewniak, Rachel Corradin, Kendall Goldberg, and Adam Miyashiro enjoy themselves while working together. "I liked working in groups because you got to hear other opinions beside your own,"said Rachel. **ADJUSTING THEIR SCALE,** sophomores Nick Powell and Johnny Pitsas work on a chemistry lab together. "Having a lab partner was helpful because if I was having an off day, he could help me out," said Nick. **DURING PROJECT BIO,** sophomores Paulina Kawalec and Selena Samardzich work together in practicing putting up a tent for their Florida trip in Spring Break. "Working together made the process easier and go by faster," Paulina said. "It also makes things more fun."



TYPE IT OUT
Side by side, freshmen Alexis Mason and Sabrina Van Ek use a laptop in the Commons. Students utilized their laptops during free time to study or play games.

NEW EXPERIENCE

From freshmen to seniors, the laptops provided a new experience for everyone

"We knew that most people felt the same confusion and frustration, and we worked together to solve the problems at hand."
-**Michelle Higgins**, senior

"It was difficult getting used to having to do assignments on the laptop rather than an actual textbook."
-**Dillon Pierie**, freshman

ONE

Walking into first hour on the first day of school, Aug. 18, you didn't know what to expect. All summer you wondered how the laptops would affect your day, what they looked like, and what was blocked. Soon you realized that you could contact anyone in the school system, and emailing became the preferred method of communication. The laptops, along with the Superfans and spirit week, united everyone under one school. However, everyone had something different about them. Whether it was the girl who had two closets full of shoes, or the boy who knew how to speak French, Spanish, Japanese, and German, each student had unique qualities that defined them.

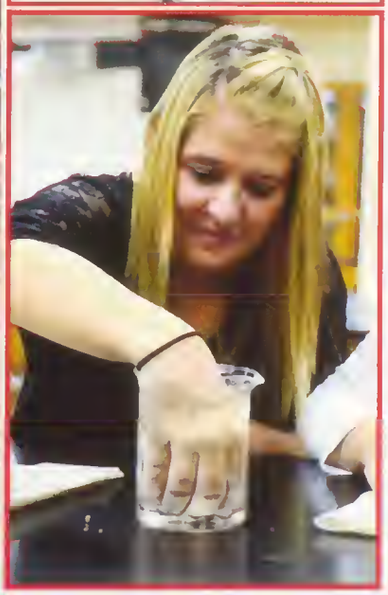
Even though each individual had certain unique attributes, they contributed greatly to the school as a whole. In addition to individuals succeeding, you showed your individuality in the classroom.

You exemplified your individual personalities in AP English Language and Composition when choosing persuasive essay topics, in Media Arts when deciding what to shoot for the final project, or even in choosing your courses for the upcoming year. You challenged yourself by taking four AP classes, playing two sports, or joining five extracurricular activities. You had to balance your rigorous academic life with outside activities, always staying on top.

Staying "on" throughout the day was essential to surviving the day. Whether you dressed nicely to school, made up songs to study for vocabulary tests, or drank gallons of coffee per week to stay awake, you found ways to stay on top of your schoolwork. Although procrastination crept up on you on a daily basis, you found a way to get it done, even if it required staying up all night.

The laptops dominated the academic scene. Instead of getting out your math book, you turned on your laptop and accessed it online. Although it may have been hard to get used to at first, the laptops eventually became part of your everyday life.

Besides the laptops, little things throughout the day made your school days a little better. Whether it was homemade pizza day, buying nice school supplies, or bringing a granola bar and eating it in third hour before lunch, you escaped the redundancy of school by having small things to look forward to throughout the week. By excelling in the classroom through laptops and expressing themselves, students united as ONE



ONE FOR ALL Dressed up as an angry bird, Lukas Nossem, senior, leads the Superfans at the Boys' Basketball game versus Lake Central. "That was a crazy game," Lukas said. "That was the most united we have been all year. We banded everyone together because Lake Central was trying to steal our traditions, and we wanted to let them know we did it better." **DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE** Working on an AP Physics lab, Jack Laszlo, senior, studies different theories and laws. "The labs were helpful because it allowed us to work hands-on and see the real life application of physics," Jack said. **CREATIVE CLASS TIME** Playdough in hand, Allison Reba, senior, sculpts a character in Creative Writing. "It was so different being in a writing class where everything was open," Allison said. "Unlike English, you were open to express yourself." **BIGGER AND BETTER** To see a plant more clearly, Jenna White, senior, immerses her hand in a beaker of water during a botany lab. Courses like botany allowed students to learn more creatively in different ways, such as hands-on-learning. "I liked botany because it was pretty easy, and everything made sense," Jenna said. "I didn't like having to learn all of the names though because they were always super long and spelled weird."

STRIKE A POSE

Working since age 14, Brooke Boerman, senior, aspires to be a professional model in the future

> "Modeling was something I had wanted my whole life. Just working at it and striving for it meant everything to me. One thing that was important was that I did not look back in life regretting not going after my dreams. I would rather fail at something than to have never tried at all."
>
> **- BROOKE BOERMAN,** SENIOR

As the bell rings at 2:45 p.m., most students end their day after sixth hour and scramble home. However, Brooke Boerman, senior, merely begins yet another seven hours of work as a model. Since Brooke still attends high school, balancing her job and her studies prove difficult.

"It could be very stressful balancing both modeling and school," Brook said. "There had been several times where I had to turn down jobs because of school. That could be frustrating because my opportunities were limited since I was still in high school. But school was obviously important, not always my cup of tea, but it was critical."

Despite the hardships that modeling brought, Brooke had no regrets. Starting her career at age 14, Brooke took the initiative of booking and communicating with clients on shoots and runway shows.

"One hundred ten percent I enjoyed what I did!" Brooke said. "Modeling was something I had wanted my whole life. Just working at it and striving for it meant everything to me. One thing that was important was that I did not look back in life regretting not going after my dreams. I would rather fail at something than to have never tried at all."

Now, with more experience, Brooke knew the basics of her job. From strutting down a runway in a fashion show to posing in front of cameras, Brooke had to display the designers' work in an appealing manner.

Growing with each opportunity, Brooke also became more independent and worked on her own. This way she could value and appreciate it more because she knew the work she put into it, according to Brooke.

"It had always been important for me to do it on my own," Brooke said. "Yes, I had supportive parents, but I was the one who pushed it and went for everything."

With this ambitious attitude, Brooke remained determined to pursue her modeling career in the future, as well. After high school, she will have more time to build her profession.

PICTURE PERFECT
At Centennial Park, Brooke Boerman, senior, casually poses for a photo shoot. "A typical photo shoot started off with hair and makeup" Brooke said. "While in hair and makeup, this was usually the time where the photographer set up and checked lighting. Meanwhile the stylist picked out the wardrobe. Once everyone was ready, shooting began. It could take two hours to the whole day depending on how many looks were being shot."

Tyler Adams: Wrestling 9-12; Boys' Track 10-12; Spanish 9; Project X 12
Emily Nicole Anderson: Dance 9; Spanish 9; Student Government 9
Nick Anderson
Rebecca Andrews: Volleyball (9-12); Basketball 9; SADD 11-12; Best Buddies 12
Angelina Annello

Nick Armour: Soccer 9-10; Best Buddies 11-12
Lisa Arndt: Munster Theatre Company 10-12; Ensemble 10, 12; *Crier* photographer 12; German 10-12
Adam Arnold: Speech 9; *Paragon* 12
Phillip Artaega: Cross Country 10, 12; Speech 9-11; CEC 9, 11; Spanish 9-12; Project X 10-12; SADD 10-12; French 12; Newspaper 12; Robotics 10
Anastasia Avgerinos

Melissa Avila: Spanish 9-12; Project X 9-11; SADD 9-11; Colorguard 10-12 (Captain)
Kelly Ballard: Band 9-12; ASL 12; Colorguard 9-12 (Capt. 12)
Michael Banach: Track 9-11; Auditorium Staff 9-12 (House Manager); Project X 10-12 Spanish 10-12; Civics 12; Speech/ Debate 9; Theatre 9-12 (Thespian)
Taylor Bandura
Elijah Banks

Benjamin Becher: Project X 9, 12; Baseball 9, 11
John Beckman
Alyssa Berg
Kelly Winter Bershader: DECA 9-12; Debate 9-12; Orchestra 10-12; Girls' Tennis 9-10; French 9-12; CEC 11; Band 9; We the People 12; NHS 11-12
Nicole Bizoukas: Dance 10, 12; Track 10-11; ASL 11-12; Spanish 10

Olivia Blakely
Matt Blocher: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 10-12; CEC 9; Germman 9-12; NHS 11-12
Lester Blumberg
Elliot Bochnowski
Brooke Boerman

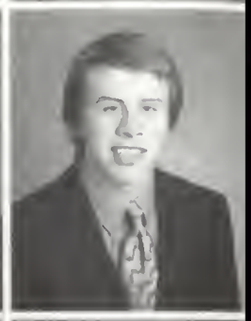
Haley Bolanowski: Diving 9
Anthony Bonessa
London Borom
Francesca Bowers: Soccer 9-12
Morgan Boyd: Basketball 9; S.A.D.D. 9, 11; *Crier* 10-12 (Managing Editor 11-12); Project X 12; Spanish 10

Allison Boyle: Cross Country 9-12 (capt. 12); Girls' Track 9-12; Speech and Debate 10; SADD 10-12
Nicholas Brajak: Football 9-12
Korey Breger: Football 9; DECA 9-12; NHS 11-12; Ping Pong 12; Cross Country 12
Cole Briggs: Boys' Swimming 9-12
Benjamin Brodsky: Debate 9-11; DECA 9-12; NHS 11-12; Boys' Tennis 10-12; Ping Pong 9-12; Orchestra 9-10

Elah Brooks: French 9-12; Project X 10; Track 10-12; Poetry 12; S.A.D.D 12; Principle Adivisory 12
Cristina Brown: Softball 9; Speech 9; Project X 9; French Club 9-12 (Secretary 11, Co-President 12)
Taylor Brown: Project X 9-12; French Club 9-11; Art Club 10-11; Track 11
Taylor Brozovic
Kyle Burczak: German 10-11 (sec. 10-11); ASL 11; *Paragon* photographer 11-12; *Crier* photographer 12

Hannah Buvala: Girls' Basketball 9-12; Girls' Soccer 9; French 11; NHS 11-12
Erica Caldwell
Daniel Cantu: Track 9-11; Wrestling 9; DECA 10; Spanish 9-11
Christopher Cappo: Band 9-10, 12; Cross Country 9-12; Track 9-11; German 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12; Robotics 12; Pep Band 9-12; Civics Club 12
Logan Carey

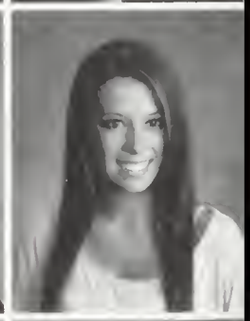
Jasmine Carvajal: Spanish 11
Jeremiah Casas
Earnest Caston-Jenkins
Christian Catania: NHS 11-12; Basketball 9; Soccer 9-12; Baseball 9-12; DECA 10-11; Spanish 9-11
Connor Eugene Cecil: Wrestling 9-10; Spanish 9-10; SADD 9-12; Football 9



Angel Chang
Xochitl Pulido Chapa: Project X 9; Art 9; Spanish 9-10; Munster Theatre Company 9-10; Auditorium Staff 9-10;
Brenda Chavez: Softball 9; Spanish 9-11
Alex Chihara
William Benoit Christianson: French Club 10-12

Jessica Cieslak: Dance 10-12; Spanish 10-12; DECA 11-12; Speech 9-12; Student Government 11-12; NHS 11-12 (Secretary 12)
Devan Clark: Speech 9-10; Spanish 9-10
Ryan Coccia: Project X 9-10; French 10-11
Tyler Cole: DECA 10-12; Baseball 10-12
Hannah Colias: Cheerleading 9-12 (Captain); NHS 11-12; SADD 10-11; Spanish 10-11; Best Buddies 12

Michelle Commandella
Cade Conner: Football 9; Basketball 9-11; Baseball 9-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish 9-10; SADD 9-10
Zarko Coric: Soccer 9-12 (Captain 12); Basketball 10; Spanish 9-10; Ping Pong 9-10
Beatriz Costa Lima: *Crier* 10-12 (Editor-in-Chief); *Paragon* 12; NHS 11-12; Speech 10; Tennis 9
Richard Cox



Tony Cress: Football 9-12; Baseball 9-11; Track 12; Spanish 9-11; SADD 9-12; Project X 9; NHS 11-12
Octavian Cretu: Football 9-10
Scott Crilly: Baseball 9-12; Ping Pong 9
Paul Cristo
Josh Crum

"I was excited and honored to be crowned because I worked really hard to prepare for it."
- **LINDSAY SPYRKA,** SENIOR

CROWNING GLORY

Lindsay Spryka, senior, earns the title Miss Indiana American Coed Teen Queen

MIRROR MIRROR
Looking into her mirror, Lindsay Spyrka, senior, places her crown atop her head. Upon being crowned Miss Indiana American Coed Teen Queen, Lindsay was awarded a crown, sash, trophy and cash prize.

Her 18th birthday is not the only thing Lindsay Spyrka, senior, celebrated on Aug. 14. She also celebrated being crowned Miss Indiana American Coed Teen Queen.

"I was excited and honored to be crowned because I worked really hard to prepare for it," Lindsay said. "I tried to practice every day by going over interview questions and walking in my heels and gowns."

To earn this year long title, Lindsay needed to win the Indiana pageant and then place in the top 15 at the national pageant in Florida. The pageants consisted of talent, modeling, interviews and evening gown competitions, according to Lindsay.

"My main focus with being crowned was to represent my title in community service organizations," Lindsay said.

Some of the organizations she worked with included Socks for Soldiers, Animal Welfare League and Riley's Children Hospital.

Lindsay began competing in pageants at the age of eight after seeing her cousins compete in them and wanting to take part in them also.

Each pageant rewarded contestants different prizes. Lindsay won modeling contracts, savings bonds and cash scholarships through pageants. However, the prizes were not the only rewards, according to Lindsay.

"The best thing about competing was just having fun and doing what you loved to do," Lindsay said.

PAGEANTNECESSITIES

Pageant contestants need a variety of items when going to pageants

- Interview suit
- Evening gown
- Shoes
- Sportswear outfit
- Talent outfit
- Talent music
- Makeup

Source: Lindsay Spyrka

Cydnee Cruz
Jakob Cuadra: Football 9,11
Mira Culic: Soccer 9-10; Spanish 9-12; German 10-12; Project X 11-12
Aaron Cunningham: Spanish 9; Project X 11-12
Paige Cusick

Gabrielle DalleCarbonare
Charity Davis: Track 9-10 (captain); Spanish 9-11; Cross Country 11; Project X 11
Nicole Davis
Aabesh De: Project X 9-10; Science Olympiad 9-10; DECA 11-12; Academic Team 11; Spanish 9-10; NHS 11-12; Ping Pong Club 11-12
Sarah Dedelow: French (Treasurer 9); Track 9-12; Cross Country 10, 12; Basketball 9; Project X 9-10; S.A.D.D. 9-10

Kate DeGeorge: German 9-10; CEC 10; Student Govt. 12; DECA 9-10,12; Girls' Track 11-12; Ensembles 10
Kyle Deja
Joel Delgado: French 10; Spanish 12; Art 12; Poetry 12
Jacklynn Dempsey: Band 9-12; German 9-11; Project X 9
Arianna Diaz: Swimming 9; Project X 9-10; Ensemble 10

AIMING HIGH

Danilo Zekovic, senior, moves here from Serbia

> "I missed home sometimes, like all the people there and Serbia. It wasn't as hard as I thought to come here, though. I found a lot of friends that were helpful."
>
> - **DANILO ZEKOVIC,** SENIOR

As the plane gradually lands in America, Danilo Zekovic, senior, thinks about all the family and friends he left behind in Serbia. Danilo would call his cousins' house in Munster home now.

"I moved here for the high school and for the university," Danilo said. "It was for my future education. I missed home sometimes, like all the people there and Serbia. It wasn't as hard as I thought to come here, though. I found a lot of friends that were helpful."

Danilo found himself in a whole new atmosphere with new people. In Serbia, Danilo had only studied English for seven years, but he had to use this knowledge to survive.

"I learned English in Serbia, but learning in a class was different than actually using it," Danilo said. "I, really, learned most of my English here."

With all his classes in English, Danilo had to adjust. He also had to adapt to the different ways of an American high school. However, this was a positive transition, according to Danilo.

"The schools were kind of similar, but here you had more choices," Danilo said. "We couldn't choose classes in Serbia. The only ones we could choose were foreign language, where you chose two languages. You could also choose to do a religious class or not, but basically, you didn't choose your classes. My school was smaller, too."

Along with the academics, Danilo continued playing basketball in America. Playing since the age of seven, Danilo couldn't stop just because he moved to a different country even thought some of the rules were different.

"It wasn't tough adjust," Danilo said. "I liked the team here a lot. I found a lot of friends, and the coach was really good. We had a lot of fun. When we had big crowds a few times, it was really fun. I really liked to play here."

Starting off his life in America as a senior in high school, Danilo looks forward to attending a university here and receiving an American education. Unsure of which university he will choose, Danilo believes he made the right decision by coming to America, and specifically Munster.

"I loved Munster," Danilo said. "Everything about it. I loved the people especially."

HE SHOOTS, HE SCORES
In the air, Danilo Zekovic, senior, warms up for the Varsity Boys' Basketball game against Penn High School. Danilo had played basketball in Serbia since age seven. "Basketball here was pretty similarly to Serbia," Danilo said. "The rules were a little different, but it wasn't so bad."

Raven Dickerson
Jessica Dickeson: Project X 10-12; ASL 10-11; Ping Pong 9-11; Best Buddies 11-12
Kari Marie Dillner: Volleyball 9-10; Girls' Basketball 9-10; Softball 9-12
Andrew Djuric
Eric Dobis:Swimming 9-12

Grant Doctor
Ana Dominguez: DECA 9-12; NHS 11-12; French 9-12 (Secretary 11, President 12); Best Buddies 12; SADD 11-12
Natalie Dublak: Project X 9; S.A.D.D. 9-11; French 9-12
Alyson Eickleberry: Spanish Club 9-11; French Club 10-11; SADD 10-11
Steven Eloisa: Project X 11-12; Boys' Track 12

Alejandra Estrada: Spanish 9-12
Eric Etter: Art 9-10; German 9-12; ASL 9-12 (pres. 12); Auditorium Staff 9-12; French 10; Project X 9; Debate 10-12
Annie Fagan
Stephen Farrell: Cross Country 9-12 (Captain 12); Track 9-12; Spanish 9-12; DECA 11-12; Student Government 10-12 (Treasurer 11); Band 9; Ensemble 9; NHS 11-12
Tommy Fell

Dominic Fimbianti: Wrestling 9-12
Christina Fischer: ASL 11-12
Ethan Flahaven: Boys' Soccer 9-12 (capt. 12); Baseball 9-12; Football 9-11; Spanish 9-11; SADD 9-10
Connor Fleming: ASL 12
Alissa Flores: Spanish 9-12; Project X 10

Miguel Flores: Spanish 9-12; Project X 12; SADD 11-12; Wrestling 10-11; Scholar Athlete 10
Megan Ford: Spanish 9-11; Track 11-12
Evan Frystak: Swimming 9-12; Robotics 10-12
Hannah Christine Fus: Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Orchestra 9-12 ; NHS 11-12; ASL 11-12; Spanish 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12(Manager 12); Thespians 11-12
Eric Galante: Boys' Tennis 9-12; DECA 9; Speech 11-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish 9-12; Ping Pong 11-12

Jackie Garcia: Project X 10; Theatre 10
Alex Gariup
Allan Gauthier: Football 9
Molly Giacomuzzi: German 10-11; ASL 11-12
Brittany Gilbert: Swimming 9-12 (Captain)

Anthony Gomez: Cross Country 9; Basketball 9-10; Baseball 9-12
Jocelyn Nicole Gonzalez: Spanish 11-12; Project X 12; German Club 12
Lucas Gonzalez: Spanish 9-12; Speech 9-12; Best Buddies 11-12; DECA (Vice President) 12 ; French 12; German 12
Rachel Goode
Brittany Goralczyk

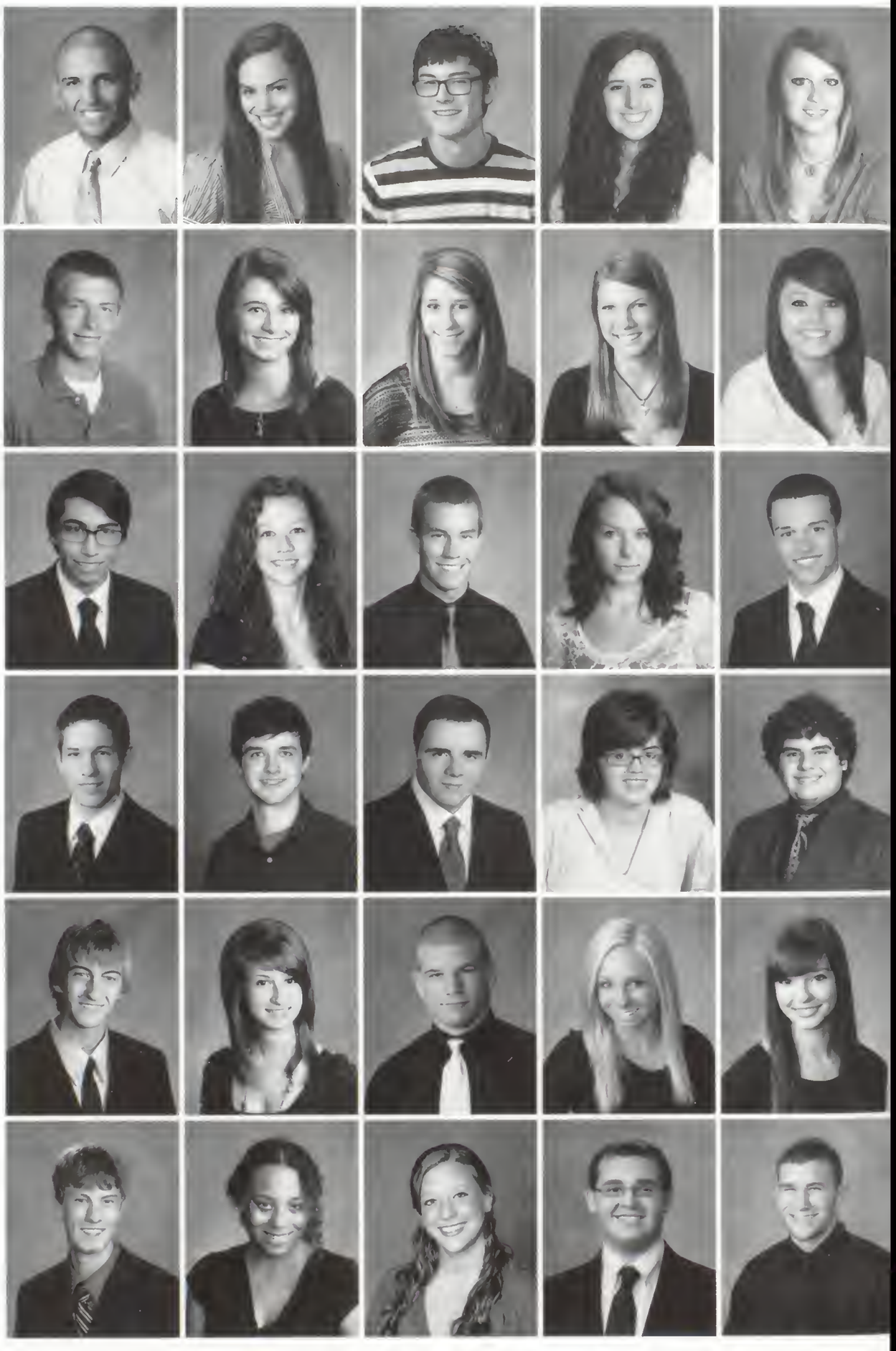
Bart Grabowski: Boys' Track 9-12; Boys' Soccer 9, 11-12; NHS 11-12;Project X 12
Niki Griggs
Lexi Grubisich
Lauren Grunewald: Soccer 9-12; Basketball 9-12; Project X 11; Best Buddies 12
Mariah Guerrero: Spanish 9-11

Ivan Gutierrez: Cross Country 9-12; Track 9-11
Melissa Hajduch
Colin Hammermeister: Football 9-10; Wrestling 9-10
Julie S. Hansen: Ensemble 9-10; German 10
Peter Harangody

Adam Hart: Track 9-12; Cross Country 9-11
Michael Heaney: Wrestling 9-10; Ping-Pong 9
Collin Henson
Abby Herald
Marco Hernandez: Football 9-12; DECA 9

Ryan Heuer: Orchestra 9-12; Tennis 9-12
Michelle Higgins: Project X 9-10; Spanish 9-12; French 9-12; SADD 9-12
Luke Hilbrich: Football 9-12
Kristen Hines
Jenni Hlebasko

Brandon Hoekstra: Football 10-12; Track 10-12
Marian Hogan
Jillian Homans
Aaron Horowitz
David Hurwich: Wrestling 9-10; Best Buddies 12



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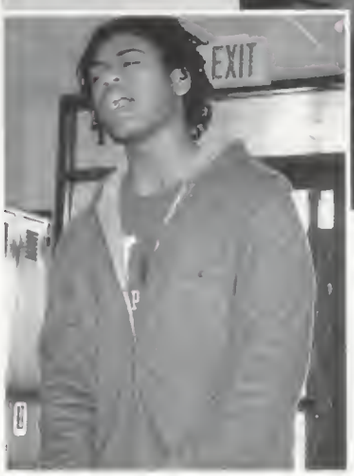
>
> **- DAVID WILSON,** SENIOR

SPREADING WORDS

David Wilson, senior, spends his time by spreading the word through poetry



He sits quietly in his desk, typing notes on his new Dell laptop, however, the person sitting in front of him, behind him, or next to him probably does not know that he has a voice "Louder than a Bomb." David Wilson, senior, has a voice, and he uses that voice to help spread the word. The word of God.

"My passion was spreading the word," David said. "I did anything that I could do to help spread the word."

David competed in a poetry competition sponsored by the Chicago Public School called "Louder than a Bomb." He placed in the semi-finals of the competition. He started out "straight rap" then converged to poetry, like his father and sister, and read at church. David's church started a poetry team made of members of the congregation, which required a large amount of practice, according to David.

"I kept going because I wanted to spread the word of the Gospel in a different way," David said. "Instead of going to church, I wanted people who hadn't heard the Gospel to hear it."

David's passion for his church and spreading also shined through his many hours of volunteering. During spring break of 2011, he helped clean out several storage closets in the church and participated in food drives that helped feed the homeless.

"I volunteered all the time," David said. "Recently I haven't as much because of work, but I did what I could."

Along with participating in a local poetry club, David planned on joining the Speech and Debate Team at school, and he continued spreading the word, while going to church, volunteering and reciting poems.

After many hours of practice, David entered a contest where he made the semifinal round. Although he did not make the final round, David hoped to continue his work.

SPEAKOUT

PRACTICING HIS POETRY piece at school, David Wilson, senior, carefully articulates the words he says. His interest in poetry began with the influence of his father and sister and continued when he joined the poetry club at his local church. **VOICE BOOMING**, David reaches the climax of his poem. "I loved poetry, and I wanted people to hear the Gospel," David said.

Alexander Augustino Ingoglia
Alex Jancosek
Jessica Jancosek
Scott Jerge
Alexa Irene Johnson: Munster Theatre Company 9-12; Thespians 10-12; Orchestra 9-12; French 9-12; Camerata 10-12; Speech 10

Andrew Johnson
Colleen Jones: Softball 9-12; French 9-11; Student Government 11; Senior CEC; Project X 11; Paragon 12
Kaitlin Jones: Project X 9-10; Spanish 9-10
Tony Jurich
Bradley Kaptur: Academic Team 9-12 (capt. 12); Project X 9-12 (officer 12); NHS 11-12; Debate 9-12; Robotics 10-12 (sec. 12); Civics 12 (treas. 12)

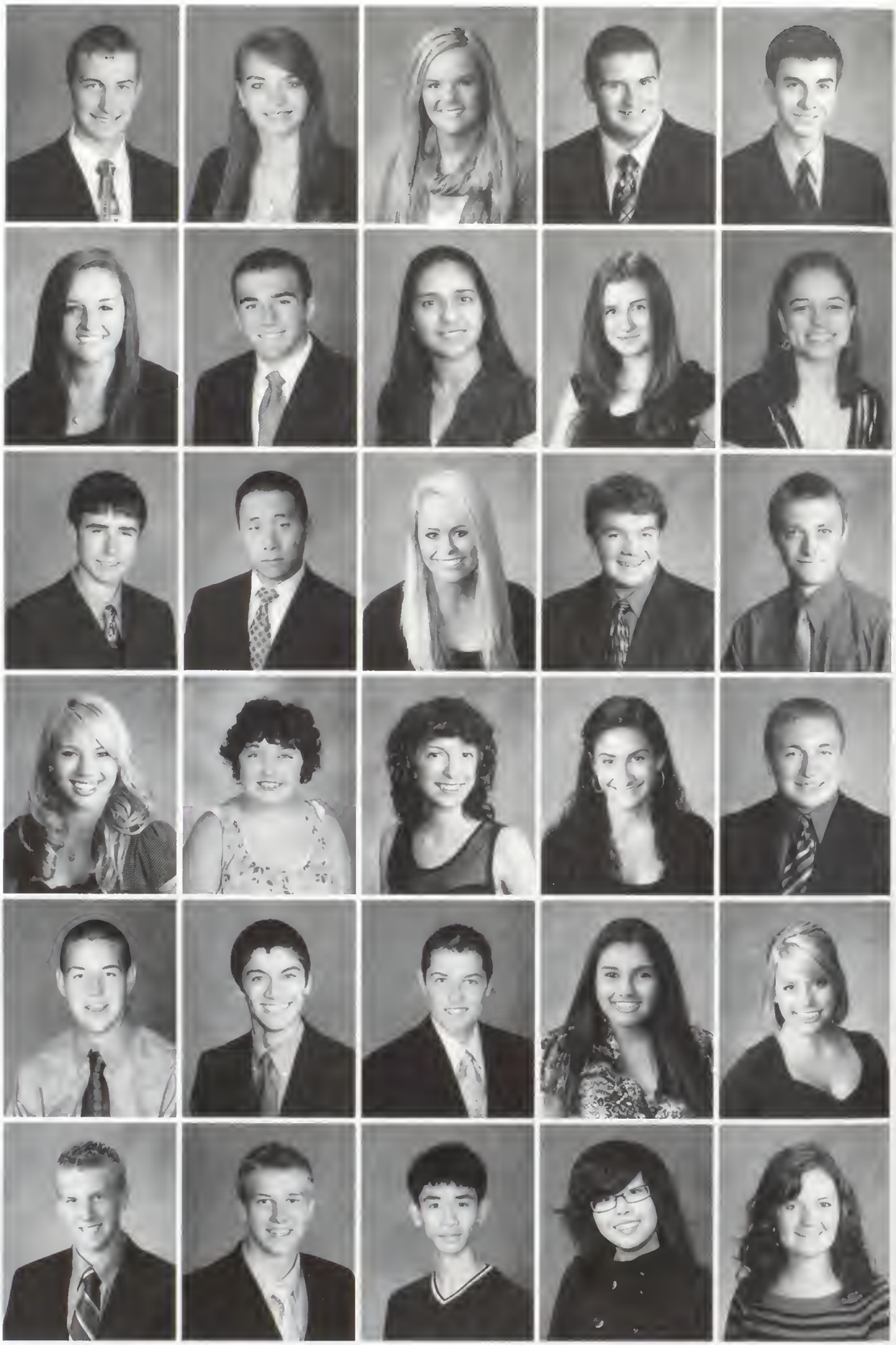
Kiki Karabatak
Peter Karnezis
Amanjot Kaur
Kailey Kawalec: French 9-12 (vice pres.11; pres.12); NHS 11-12; DECA 10-12; Project X 9-12 (officer 12); Speech/Debate 10, 12; Art 9-10
Kayla Keith: Basketball 9; DECA 9; Track 9-12

Nick Kiesling
Thomas Kim: Football 9-12; Track 9-12; Wrestling 12; Band 9-12; Ping Pong 10
Sarah Kinser: Golf 9-12 (capt. 12);CEC 10-12; Cheerleading 9; Student Govt. 9; ASL 11-12
Zack Klaeser: Band 9-11
Adam Kloos: Track 9-11; Cross Country 9-12; Spanish 9-12

Taylor Kmak
Nicole Kohr
Ariana Nikol Koultourides: French 11-12; Art 12; Poetry 12
Danielle Koultourides: Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12); Student Govt. 9-12 (sec. 12); Speech/Debate 9-12; NHS 12; SADD 9-12; Spanish 9-12; DECA 9; Swimming 9; Theater 9-10
Christopher Kritzer: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-12

Tanner Kuehn
Zakariah Kulam: Track 9-12; Project X 9-10; Soccer 9-12; Ping Pong 9-10; Spanish 9-12; Student Govt. 9-12 (tres. 12); DECA 11-12; NHS 11-12 (Pres. 12)
Shalini Kular: DECA 9-12; Speech 9-11; Spanish 9-10; NHS 11-12; Academic Team 11-12; Paragon 10; Project X 9; Best Buddies 11-12; Art 9-12
Alex Kulesa: Tennis 11-12
Kate Lasser: Dance 10-12; French 9-12 (sec. 11, pres. 12); Speech 9; German 12; NHS 11-12; DECA 12

John Laszlo: Tennis 9-12; Debate 9-12 (Vice President 12); DECA 9-12; NHS 11-12
Nicholas Laszlo: Boys' Tennis 9-12; Spanish 9-11; NHS 11-12; DECA 9-12; Ping Pong 9-11; Debate 10-12; Project X 9-10; SADD 9; CEC 10, 12
Brandon Lee: DECA 10-12; Ping Pong 11-12; French 11; Spanish 9-12; Project 9-12; Academic Team 11; NHS 12
Ji Hyeon Lee



Monica Lee: Spanish 9-12; Art 9-10; Freshman CEC; Project 9-10; French 11-12 ; Band 10-12; Swimming 9-11; ASL 12
Cara Leeny: Cheerleading 9; Diving 9-12; ASL 10-12; SADD 10-12
Christian Leonakis
Lorin Levitan
Kaitlyn Little
Danielle Lowe: Spanish 10

Lauren Macadlo: Volleyball 9-12; NHS 11-12; German 9-12; Ping Pong 9-12
Andrew MacLea
Denis Magana
Jaclyn Malayter: Dance 9-12; Project 10; Best Buddies 11; Spanish 9; NHS 11-12; DECA 11-12
Lorrie Mamich

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> - **ARIANA KOULTOURIDES,** SENIOR

PAINTING A DREAM

Art, paint and brushes are necessary items for Ariana Koultourides, senior, to express how she feels

SPLASH OF COLOR
Painting on a large canvas, Ariana Koultourides, senior, expresses herself through her paintings. "Painting was a great way to show who I was,"Ariana said. "It allowed me to express my feelings without having to speak."

Watching Pokemon and Rocko as a young child explained only part of the reason for Ariana Koultourides', senior, passion and love for the arts. With a mom and sister both as artists, it comes no surprise that Ariana also gained the ability to draw award winning pieces.

Throughout her high school career, Ariana won a gold, silver and honorable mention in Scholastic Awards, along with taking home a first place in 2D art and painting categories in the school art show.

Not only did Ariana take AP Art Studio, but she also actively participated in the Art Club. Aside from the passion and dedication Ariana had for the arts, it also proved handy at times with high levels of stress from school work. Drawing gave her something fun and relaxing to focus on, according to Ariana.

"Drawing was a stress reliever and allowed me to express what I was feeling if I didn't feel like talking about it,"Ariana said. "Sometimes I drew just to get everything off of my mind."

As a dedicated and passionate artist, Ariana found herself scrambling for time each day after school to get in a little of drawing. During the weekends, she enjoyed spending her time drawing, particularly realistic or stylized people.

"Stylized was my own style applied to the subject," Ariana said. "So it was not realistic but more exaggerated and unnatural."

With painting, critiques were sure to follow, according to Ariana. She thought it was interesting to see how other people interpreted her pieces differently.

"Everyone interpreted the paintings differently, and sometimes their ideas gave me new ones," Ariana said.

Their ideas would convey a complete different story than the one she had in mind, according to Ariana.

Parina Maniar: *Paragon* 10-12 (Editor-in-Chief 11-12); DECA 9-12; Debate 9-11; IU Honors; Spanish 9-11
Eleni Manousopoulos: Project X 10
Carmela Marciano: Spanish 9-10
Alexandra Marini: Track 9-11; Project X 9-10
Catherine Marini: Track 9-11; Project X 9

Christopher Markovich: Academic Team 9-12 (Capt. 12); Jets 9-12 (Capt. 10); Spanish 11-12; NHS 11-12 Orchestra 9-12;
Leticia Marquez
Hannah Marriott: Soccer 9-12; Track 11-12; Ping Pong 11; French 11; Spanish 10; NHS 12
Johnathan Martin: German 11
Fabian Martinez

Ryan Matesevic
Rachel Matrenec: Speech 9-12; French 9-12; Theater 9; We the People 11
Christine Matthews: SADD 9, 11-12; French 9-12; Project X 9
Jake McCullough
Kathleen McGrath: Art 9-12 (Pres.12); French 9-12; SADD 9-12

Erin McHale: DECA 9-12; Spanish 9-11; SADD 9-11; NHS 11-12; Tennis 9
Sparkle McMillan
Jorge Medina: Orchestra 9-12 (treas. 12); Speech 10-12; Spanish 12; Best Buddies 12
Alex Meier: Track 10-12; Soccer 12
Chris Meyer

Kevin Meyer
Ari Miller
Megan Miller
Emily Miljokovitch
Alyssa Minton

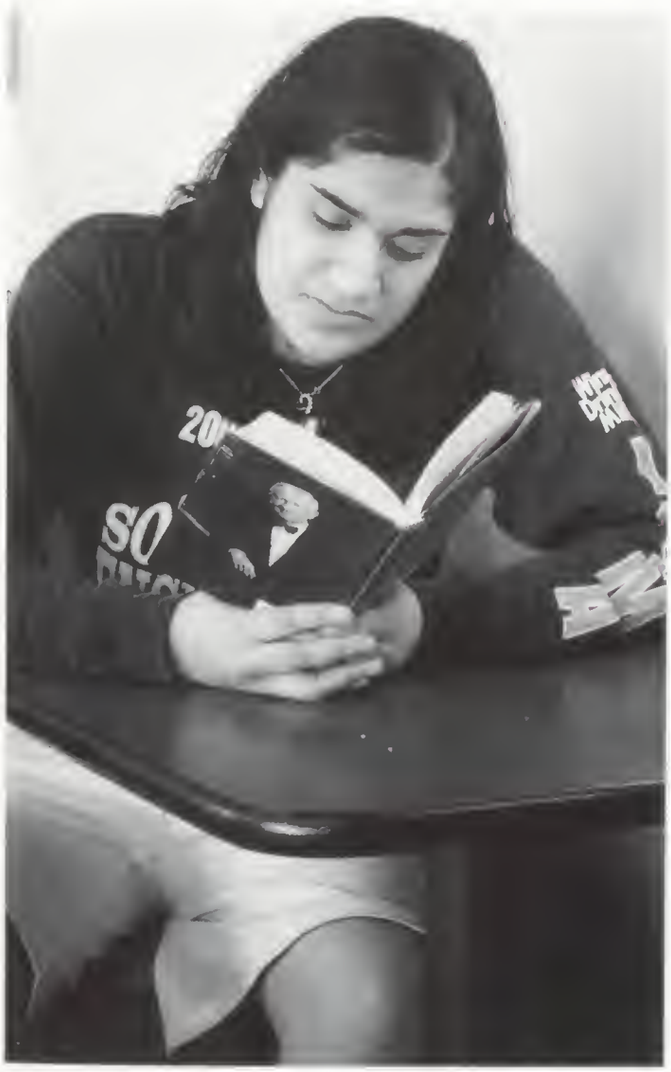
Caley Mintz: Volleyball 9-12 (apt. 12); Track 9-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9-12; Ping Pong 11; Best Buddies 12
Jennifer Moffett
Andrew Moll
Kimmie Montella: SADD 10-12; French 9-12

POLITICAL PASSION

With a strong interest in politics, Deepa Devanathan, senior, takes an Intro to Political Theory class at Purdue Calumet

> "I learned about the theory that drives politics and about history's greatest thinkers, such as Plato and Aristotle."
> - DEEPA DEVANATHAN, SENIOR

POLITICS IN ACTION
Reading a book called *13 American Debates*, Deepa Devanathan, senior, enriches her political theory studies for her Intro to Political Theory class at Purdue Calumet. "Usually I read supplemental material to increase my knowledge on the political and constitutional subjects that interested me," Deepa said.



After sitting through AP Calculus BC, the bell for the end of 4th period finally rings. Deepa Devanathan, senior, breathes a sigh of relief, packs up her backpack, and heads toward her car.

For the first semester of senior year, Deepa went to school for zero hour and four periods. Then, she spent the rest of the day until 2:30 p.m. at a class at Purdue Calumet called Intro to Political Theory, according to Deepa.

"I decided to take the political theory class because I knew that I wanted to study politics in college," Deepa said. "Also, I had already taken all the history classes at our school, so I thought this class would be interesting and very helpful to my studies."

Several seniors had the option to attend local community colleges if they already met all of the school's requirements. Local schools offered students several classes that were tailored for their interests or majors, or even for college for credit. Deepa utilized this opportunity to further her knowledge in politics.

"I learned about the theory that drives politics and about history's greatest thinkers, such as Plato and Aristotle," Deepa said.

Students were able to express their individualities through courses that reflected what they wanted to do, according to Deepa.

"The class benefited me because I learned that politics was not only about what we saw on the news or current events," Deepa said, "but also, the philosophy behind government." "I also learned how to be very self-reflective through my political theory class."

Besides her political theory class, Deepa was involved in several other activities involving politics. She took We the People junior year, which spurred her interest in politics and governments. Additionally, Deepa volunteered as an extern at a federal courthouse last summer, which further prompted her interest in studying political science in college, according to Deepa.

"I am very pleased with all of the politics and government related activities that I have done in high school," Deepa said, "and I'm excited for studying this subject in college."

Tommy Montella
Jake Moran
Forrest Morgan: DECA 9; Robotics 10
Hayley Morris: Volleyball 9-10 (capt. 9); NHS 12; Softball 9; *Paragon* 11
Greg Moya: Track 9-12; Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12
Collin Mudroncik

READY, AIM, PAINTBALL

In addition to finding a fun hobby, Alyssa Nunez, senior, uses paintballing as a way to bond with her family

As red oozes down her back, Alyssa Nunez, senior, crouches behind a tree to avoid another shot. After spotting her cousin, she sprints away, attempting to keep the lead in the current paintball game.

"Getting hit could hurt a lot," Alyssa said. "Sometimes it would hurt so much that I would have to sit out for a while."

Fiercely competing in paintball games, Alyssa and her older cousins regularly played four vs. four in her uncle's yard. To make sure everyone stayed safe, they sported helmets and shoulder protectors.

"My cousins were like my brothers, and we loved to beat ome another," Alyssa said. "It was fun, and they would usually go after me."

Ever since her freshman year, paintballing made for unique memories, according to Alyssa. Gripping her paintball gun and slipping in mud, Alyssa would never let rain interfere with the competition.

"In paintball, the game continues no matter what," Alyssa said.

Whenever Alyssa wasn't playing softball, she was paintballing. On top of the exercise of th game, Alyssa started up this hobby to be with her family.

"By paintballing, I could always be with my cousins and do what they do," Alyssa said. "I continued it because it was a great way to bond with them, and it was really fun!"

PAINTBALL PREP
Before going paintballing, Alyssa Nunez, senior, puts on the proper gear. "It was important to wear the proper gear in order to stay protected," Alyssa said.

Zachary Myers
Conrad Navarro Spanish 9-12; Munster Theatre Company 10-12; French 12; German 12
Azad Neupane: Debate 9-12; Project X 10-12; French 10-12
Morgan Newton: Soccer 9-12; Basketball 9-11
Sean Nolan: Spanish 9-12; Project X 9-12 (Officer 12); Robot 10-12 (Head Engineer 12); NHS 11-12 (Treasurer 12); Science Olympiad 11-12; JETS 11-12; Civics 12 (Secretary 12); IU Honors 11
Lukas Nossem: Football 9-12 (capt.12); Boys' Track 9-12 (capt.12); Boys' Basketball 9-10; Student Govt. 9-12 (vice pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Spanish 9-12; SADD 9-12; DECA 9-10
Nicholas Novakovich: Best Buddies 11-12; Volleyball (Manag.) 12; Girls' Basketball (Manag.) 12
Bryan Novatny
Alyssa Hope Nunez: Softball 9-12; Project X 9-11; Ping Pong 9-11; ASL Club 10-11; Spanish 9
Aleksandra Obradovic: Basketball 9-12 (Capt. 12); Spanish 9-12; DECA 9-12; CEC 11-12 (Sec. 12); NHS 11-12

Lauren Oesterle: Band 9-12; DECA 10-12; NHS 11-12; French 9-12 (vice pres. 11, pres. 12)
Daniel Opperman
Stephanie Pallay: French 9-12; Softball 9-10,12; Speech 12; Art 12 (Vice President); Choir 11-12; Theatre 12; Volleyball 10
Elle Panas: Spanish 9, 12
Johnathan Panos

Bethany Pastrana: French 9-12; Band 9-12; Munster Theatre Company 9-12; NHS 11-12
Nick R. Paunovich Ping Pong 10-11
Viharika Peddi: DECA 9-12; Speech 10-12; NHS 11-12; Tennis 10; *Paragon* 10; IU Honors 11
Joseph Pierson
Erin Pluard: ASL 9-11; SADD 11; NHS 11-12; German 11

Craigh Popovich: Band 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12; NHS 11-12; Jazz Band 9-12; Pep Band 11-12
Anthony Poulos
Jessica Proctor
Matt Pruim: Band 11-12; JETS 11
Joanna Pugh

Michael Pukoszek: Band 9-12; French 9-12; NHS 11-12
Mathew Puthenveetil
Lisa Christina Raddatz: Orchestra 9-12; French 11-12
Nicole Rakich
Alison Reba

Olivia Reda: Spanish 11-12; ASL 9; Project X 11-12; Orchestra 9-11; Project Bio 12; DECA 11-12
Jessica Reddy: Debate 10-12; DECA 10-12; French 9-12; Project X 9-10; Art 10; SADD 10
Alex Reinsma: Football 9-12; Boys' Track 10-12; SADD 12; Basketball 9 DECA 11-12; German 9,11; Ping Pong 11-12; Project X 12
Jackie Reyes
Kyle Ridder

Tony Rigoni: Cross Country 9-12; Wrestling 9-10; Track 9-12
Nicholas Riley: Project X 11-12
Deana Rios
Jamie Rogalski: Volleyball 9-12; SADD 10-12 (Vice President); NHS 11-12; Spanish 9-10; Project X 10
Angela Rokosz: Volleyball 9-12; SADD 11-12; French 11; ASL 12

Allyson Roller Soccer 9-12; NHS 11-12; ASL 9
Joshua Roman Speech 9-12; Theater 9-12; Spanish 9-12
Marija Romic Spanish 10-11
Michael Roser
Kyle Ruckert Swimming 9-12; Best Buddies 11-12; Speech 9

Michelle Ruiz Spanish 12; Art 12; Poetry 12
Cynthia Rumas Girls' Tennis 9-10; Project X 11-12(officer 12); NHS 11-12; Spanish 9-12; Speech 9; DECA 9-10
George Saez Football 9-11
Alifya Saify French 11; DECA 11-12
Samantha Sakevicius Tennis 9-12; Spanish 9-12; SADD 9

Elliot Schmidt
Haley Schrik
Ellen Scoleri: Band 9-12; Munster Theatre Company 9-12; Orchestra 11-12; NHS 11-12; Ensemble 12
Amber Scott
Matthew Sellberg: Project X 9; German 9-12 (treas. 10-11, pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Civics 12; Band 9-12; We the People 11; Speech / Debate 9-12

Miles Sepiol
Kuangda Shan: NHS 11-12
Alyssa Sheets: Girls' Soccer 9-12; Girl's Basketball 9-12; NHS 11-12; Best Buddies 12
Anna Shehigian: Cheerleading 9-12(capt. 11-12); NHS 11-12; DECA 11-12; Speech / Debate 10-12; Spanish 12
Jake Siano

Matt Silaj
Laura Silva
Sarah Simchak: Softball 9-12; Project X 9; Spanish 9-11
Matt Skorupa
Mary Skurka: Spanish Club 9-12 SADD 11-12; CEC 9-12 (Secretary 9); Project X 9-12; Volleyball 9, 12; NHS 11-12
Chris Slivka: NHS 11-12; Baseball 9-12; Football 9-10; Student Govt. 9-12; SADD 9-12; Ping Pong 11
Brittany Smith: Track 12; ASL 12
Christopher Speranza: JETS 9-12; Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9, 11-12; Orchestra 9-10; NHS 11-12; Pit Orchestra 10,12
Lindsay Spyrka: Soccer 9-11; Basketball 9-10; Track 9-12; Best Buddies 12; Project X 12; Cross Country 12; Scholar Athlete 9
Morgan Stahl: Cross Country 10-12; Track 10-12; ASL 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; Project X 10-12

Kaylie Starkey: Women's Ensemble 9; Varsity Softball 9-10; SADD 11-12 (President); Best Buddies 11-12 (Secretary); Newspaper 11-12 (Copy Editor); Academic Team 12; Debate 10
Melissa Stone
David Straka: Football 9-12; Choir 12; Speech 9-12; Swimming 9-12; CEC 9-12 (Vice President 12); DECA 10-12; Munster Theatre Company 9-12; Band 9; Men's Ensemble 12; NHS 11-12
Mark Strbjak: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Boys' Basketball 9-12 (capt. 12) Baseball 9-12 (capt. 12)
Zack Strbjak

JUST FOR KICKS

Brandon Lee, senior, practices Taekwondo

EVer since fourth grade, Brandon Lee, senior, spends several days a week kicking bags and sparring. By staying committed to taekwondo, Brandon achieved a second degree black belt.

"My parents used to force me to go to practice," Brandon said. "After a while, they didn't have to force me because I enjoyed doing it."

To earn the eighth highest possible belt, Brandon had to dedicate seven hours a week of after school time to taekwondo. During classes, the students had to take their time seriously, according to Brandon. Determination was necessary.

"You had to actually stick with the program," Brandon said. "You couldn't really get better if you weren't there to workout, train and practice. My instructor stressed that you weren't going to get better unless you showed up. Also, you had to get better. For example, I wasn't going to 'level up' unless I was better than I was when I got to my current belt."

In order to advance to the next level, the student had to display the ability to move forward. The instructor then informed the student that he or she was ready to undergo the promotional test of breaking boards or sparring.

"At the promotional tests, you displayed what you learned to your family and an audience of other families that were there, watching their own children," Brandon said. "This always seemed to make me a little bit more nervous."

However, taekwondo shouldn't be all about earning belts and leveling up, according to Brandon. He thought that a key part of taekwondo was enjoying the sport. Since Brandon thoroughly enjoyed taekwondo, he stayed with it.

"I enjoyed it because it not only kept me in shape, but also if I got in a fight, I would probably win," Brandon said. "Or I would at least put up a really good fight. I guess it was a pride thing."

GAMEON

LEG IN THE AIR, Brandon Lee, senior, spars with a classmate. "Sparring with other people was important," Brandon said. "It was practice, and practice never hurt. That was the only way to get better, by practicing and working with other people." **LEANING TO THE SIDE,** Brandon aims for the stomach. In Taekwondo, the students had to wear armour to protect themselves from injuries.

Melissa Lauren Strohl Soccer 9-12, Orchestra 9-12, NHS 11-12, Spanish 9-10, Tennis 9
Elisabet Strong: Choir 9-11, Project X 9-12
Oliver Sutter: Football 9-12, Boys' Basketball 9-11, Baseball 9, DECA 11-12, NHS 11-12, Student Govt. 9-12
Agnes Svensson: Soccer 12
Steven Swingler: Football 9-12, Debate 10-11, Wrestling 9, DECA 12

Brett Szafasz: Football 9-12, NHS 11-12, Project X 11-12, SADD 11-12, Ping Pong 9, CEC 9-11, Spanish 9
Hannah Szany
Natalie Tarpo: Spanish 9-10, DECA 9-10, Ping Pong 9-10
Christopher Tassaro: Boys' Soccer 9-12
Nikola Tatic: Boys' Golf 9-12, SADD 9-11, Project X 11, NHS 12, DECA 10-11

Christiann Tavitas: NHS 11-12, DECA 9-10, Orchestra 9-10, We the People 12, Debate 10-12, Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12), *Paragon* 10-12
Kale Terpstra
Margaret Thomas: Speech 9, Ping Pong 9, French 10-11, Varsity Dance Team 10-12, *Crier* 11-12, *Paragon* 11-12, DECA 12, NHS 11-12
Grant Thomas: DECA 9-12, Academic Teams 9-12, NHS 11-12, Track 9-12, Cross Country 9-12
Corey L. Tillman: Football 9

Sunny Tiwana
Mary Katherine Van Sipma
Natalie Vick: Speech and Debate 9-12 (President 12), We the People 12, DECA 11-12, Theater 10-12, Ensemble 9-11, Project X 9-10, Spanish Club 9-12, NHS 11-12, French Club 12
Joaquin Villarreal
Melissa Vlahu: Girls' Tennis 9, Cheerleading 9-11, Spanish 9-11, Project X 9-11, Civics 12, Robotics 12

Robert Vogel
Joann Wakefield: Swimming 9-12 (Captain 12), ASL 11, Best Buddies 12,
Chelsey Wallace: Dance 9-12, Golf 12, Spanish 9-12, French 10-12, German 10-12, NHS 11-12, DECA 11-12, Ping Pong 11, ASL 11
Brett Ware: Baseball 9
Ryan Ware: Spanish 10

Taylor Watrobka: Volleyball 9-10, Girls' Track 11-12
Amy Welch: Ping Pong 9, Spanish 9-10, Softball 9-10, DECA 9
Project X 11, CEC 11-12, NHS 11-12
Megan Welch: Diving 9, Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 12), NHS 11-12
Jenna White
Kale Wilk: Orchestra 9-12, German 10-12, Robotics 10-12, Crier 11-12(Sports Ed. / News Ed.11; Assoc. Ed. 12), NHS 12

PRIDE AND JOY

Beatriz Costa-Lima, senior, wins Indiana Student Jouralist of the Year

> "It wasn't about getting a grade. It was about serving my purpose as a student journalist and reporting things accurately and ethically.
>
> **- BEATRIZ COSTA-LIMA,** SENIOR

ALL SMILES
Hugging Diana Hadley, Indiana High School Press Association Executive Director, Beatriz Costa-Lima, senior, receives her award. "I pretty much made journalism my entire life for the past three years," Beatriz said.

Walking into the Indiana State House March 7 for First Amendment Symposium, Beatriz Costa-Lima, senior, had a small amount of confidence and no idea what would happen to her.

"I had gone into that day convinced I had no chance of winning and I was really honored and happy to be a finalist," Beatriz said.

After the event's activities, two awards were presented for Hoosier State Press Association favorite small school and big school journalist.

Then, Mrs. Diana Hadley, Indiana High School Press Association director, called the finalists on stage one by one for the Student Journalist of the Year award.

"I was sitting there and getting ready to clap for whoever won," Beatriz said, "then I guess she said my name. My friend sitting next to me was saying 'Bia, she said your name.'"

She had achieved her goal, and was Indiana Student Journalist of the Year, the first in Munster history.

"I was in this state of complete and utter shock," Beatriz said. "I didn't know what to do with myself and I was just so happy. It took a good 10 minutes for me to get over that."

David Wilson
Tim Wittkamp: Munster Theatre Company 9-12, Project X 9-10, Ensemble 11-12
Robert Wojtowich
Amelia Wories: Project X 9-10, Ensembles 10
Ellen Wynn

Alexis Wysocki
Michael Yager: Debate 9, Student Trainer 10-12, Basketball Manag. 12, French 9-11, Project X 9, NHS 11-12
Jacob Yothment: German 9-10, Crier 10-12
Tom Yurek: Debate 9-11, Ping Pong 9-11, Project X 9-12 (Officer 12), Robotics 10-12(Vice Pres. 11; Pres. 12), Academic Team 9-12(capt. 12), German 9-12(Treas. 12), Auditorium Staff 9-12, NHS 11-12
Andrew Zachau

Andrew Zaczyk
Danilo Zekovic: Basketball 12

STRIKE A CHORD

Maya Portillo, junior, expresses a passion for music through playing mariachi

> "When I played in the orchestra, it was all about technicalities, but Mariachi was all about playing really loud and with passion."
>
> - **MAYA PORTILLO,** JUNIOR

"La Negra", "Amor Eterno" and "Mariachi Loco" are a few classic mariachi songs Maya Portillo, junior, performs with her mariachi group.

Maya began performing in mariachi bands, Mexican musical groups composed of string instruments, as a tradition. She grew up in Tucson, AZ, where the first National Mariachi Conference took place. Maya started playing mariachi at 12 years old in the group her grandfather founded.

"I started playing the violin when I was four years old," Maya said. "So I wasn't very good at mariachi at first because I was used to playing classical music for so long."

The two styles completely differ from each other, according to Maya.

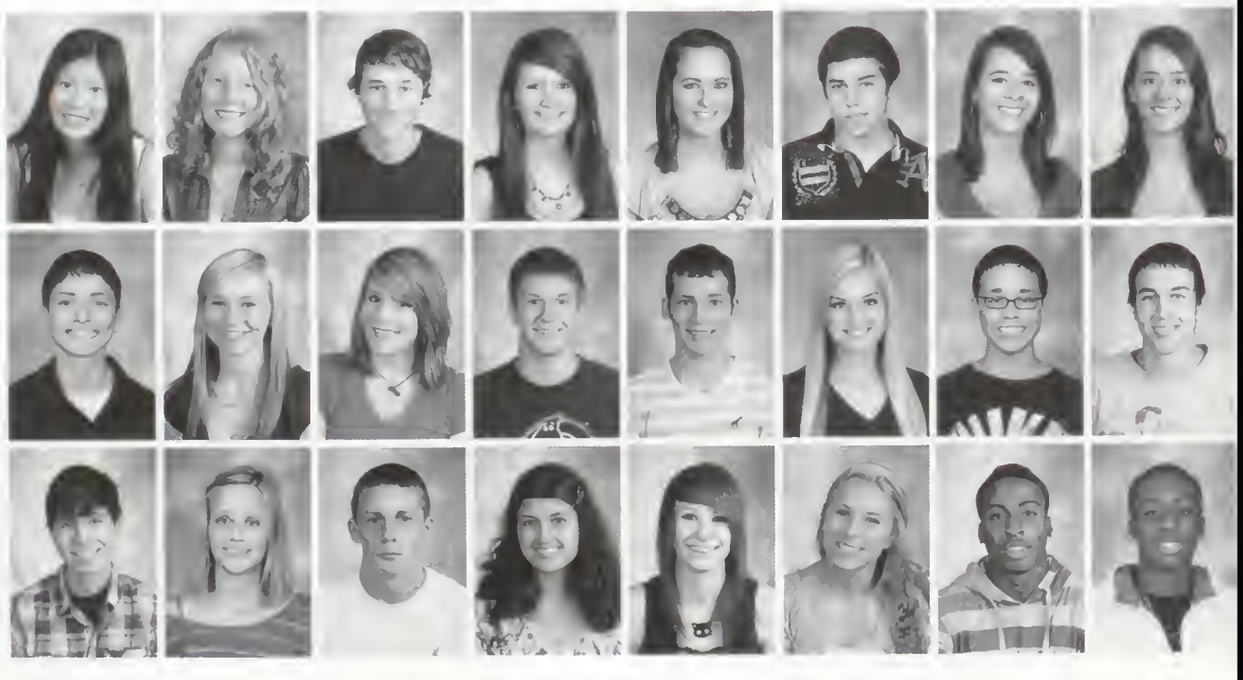
"When I played in the orchestra, it was all about technicalities," Maya said. "Mariachi was all about playing really loud and with passion."

When Maya moved to Indiana in 2008, she began playing with Mariachi Sol de America, out of East Chicago. The group consisted of eight people with ages ranging from 16 to 28. They performed throughout Indiana and Illinois at events such as weddings, parties and quinceañeras.

The best part about playing in a mariachi group came down to two aspects, the people in her group and the people she performed for, according to Maya.

"The people in my group made me laugh like no other, and they shared the same musical passion I did," Maya said. "The other best part was when I would see that one audience member's face light up with joy once they heard us playing a classic song their mom sang when they were little."

TAKE A BOW
Drawing her bow, Maya Portillo, junior, practices playing her violin. Practicing was important for the mariachi group so that during events, they could focus on the performance.



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Brandon Armagast
Johnathan Arroyo
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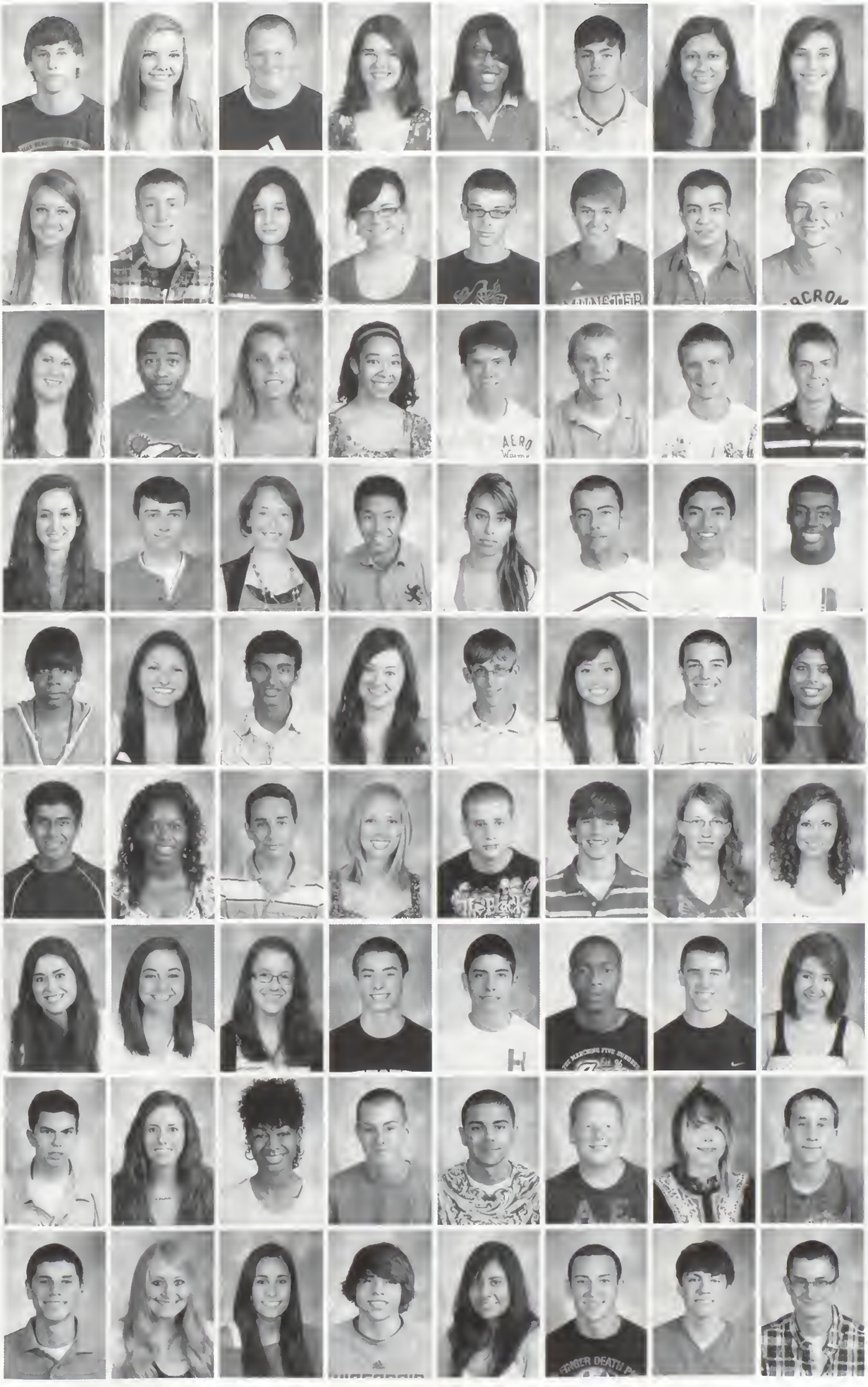

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Rachel Borgo
Ian Boston
Drake Bowers
Alec Boyd
Nicholas Brant

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Stefanie Briggs
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Jacob Brunetti
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Sameer Chintamani
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Sean Cloghessy
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Samantha Conley
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Rachel Corradin
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Adam Cress
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Alexander Crowe
Tessa Crull

Daniel Cubillos
Caitlin Curran
Carlyn Davis
Robert Dawson
Eric De Leon
Samuel DeBoer
Sydney DeBoer
Michael Dec

Craig Dedelow
Nicole Delia
Alexis DeLuna
Joshua Di Novo
Salony Dighamber
Mason Dinga
James Dixon
Russell Doctor

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

With the proper equipment and funny ideas, Kendall Goldberg, junior, lands a YouTube partnership

> "It's not about popularity for me. It's not about money. That's not why I do it. I do it for myself."
>
> - **KENDALL GOLDBERG,** JUNIOR

A camera, an hour of prep time and a few ideas is all Kendall Goldberg, junior, needed to make a video. The result? A paycheck, positive feedback from YouTube celebrities and more content to add to the growing collection of videos on her YouTube channel, The Electric Hippo.

Kendall joined the YouTube partnership program on December 31, 2010, which allowed her to generate revenue from advertisements by her videos.

"YouTube suggested to me multiple times to apply, and when I did, it took about four months for them to get back to me," Kendall said. "When I got the email, I was at dinner with my family, and I was just overjoyed! It's not about popularity for me, though. It's not about money. That's not why I do it. I do it for myself."

Whether or not she intended it, Kendall's videos had gotten increasingly more popular. It started with the help of a famous YouTuber, Shane Dawson, who featured her in one of his videos.

"It was on August 30, 2010," Kendall said. "I wrote all the important dates on my channel. I made an intro for his video, and he liked it enough to use it and feature me."

Michael Buckley, "the anchorman of YouTube," as Kendall referred to him, also featured her in his series, "Buck Factor."

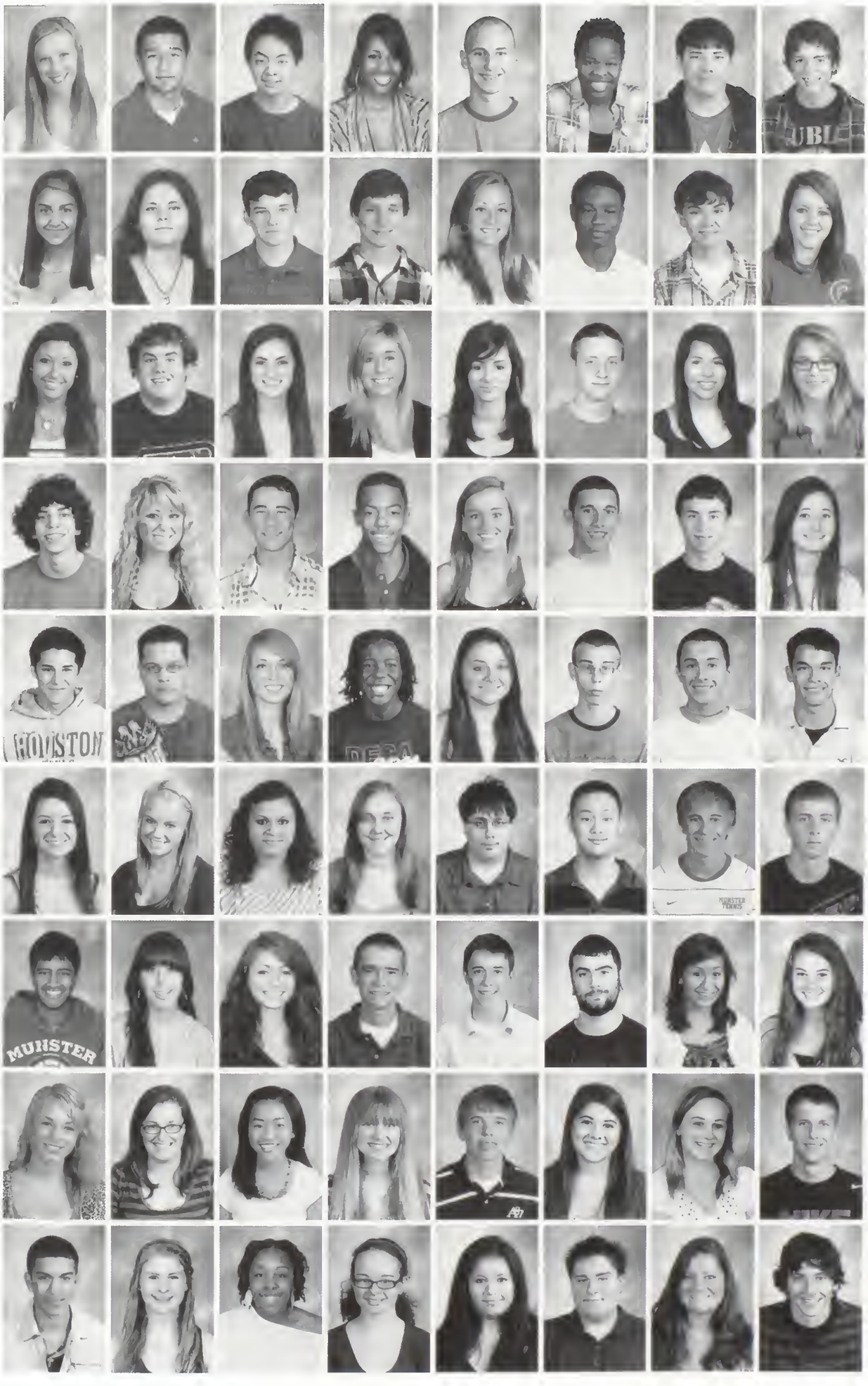
"I had talked to him on Twitter multiple times, and once, I got to Skype with him," Kendall said. "He told me how much he loved my content and that he would feature me."

Through YouTube, Kendall found a way to create content she took pride in, while also attracting a following, thanks to the feedback and publicity she received from these YouTube celebrities.

"As much as I admired directors like Steven Spielberg and Quentin Tarantino, I also looked up to people on YouTube because that was what I did," Kendall said. "For them to notice me let me know that I'm doing something right."

MOVIEMAGIC

WITH AND IDEA IN MIND, Kendall Goldberg, junior, focuses her camera and prepares to shoot a video. "I usually shoot other people or events," Kendall said. "But if I was going to be in the video, I would have to focus the camera and make sure that the place I was going to sit was in focus." **GREEN SCREEN SET UP AND LIGHTS ON,** Kendall sits and shoots a video in a studio in her basement. "It realy helped a lot that I had a green screen because a lot of times if I needed to put in special effects, the green screen made it possible," Kendall said.



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Kellie Juarez
Danielle Jurgens
Corey Kaminsky
Anna Kaniewski
Niko Karagan

TREND SETTERS

Every Thursday, AJ Gauthier, junior, and his friends take part in a new tradition called "Sweater Thursday"

> "Sweaters were the best, so why wouldn't you want to wear one every week?"
> - **AJ GAUTHIER,** JUNIOR

Every Thursday morning, AJ Gauthier, junior, and several of his friends wake up and put on a new sweater. "Sweater Thursday," coined by AJ and his friends, serves as something fun and different to do during the week, according to AJ.

"Jack Heiniger (junior) and myself, started to wear sweaters every Thursday," AJ said. "Within a few weeks, much of the school had picked up on it and started to wear sweaters as well."

To escape the redundancy of school, students found interesting ways to make the week go by a little faster. For AJ and his friends, wearing sweaters every Thursday started a unique tradition that eventually became popular.

"The name ("Sweater Thursday") kind of stuck," AJ said. "Sweaters were the best, so why wouldn't you want to wear one every week?"

To make "Sweater Thursday" even more interesting, AJ and his friends bought several different types of sweaters, from vests to v-necks to multicolored stripes. Several of the boys involved in "Sweater Thursday" took a trip out to the mall and got most of their sweaters at Nordstroms, according to AJ.

"I liked sweater vests because not everyone would wear them," AJ said. "It was something I liked to do."

With the stress of school, athletics, and extracurricular activities, students like AJ discovered ways to exemplify their individual personalities through quirky traditions, such as the addition of the new school week, "Sweater Thursday." By expressing themselves in unique ways, students were able to have fun and be entertained at school, according to AJ.

"I really liked all the compliments I got from my sweaters and the actual recognition of 'Sweater Thursday,'" AJ said. "The sweaters were also nice because they kept me warm in the cold school."

With traditions and attitudes such as these, students could stand out and express their unique individualities, yet still unite the school as one.

Mackenzie Kasper
Madeline Kasper
Deena Katsepas
Evan Kattan
Daniel Kerrick
Jacob Kerrick
Aamina Khan
Nicholas King

Tyler Kisel
Michael Kitchell
Nathan Kondamuri
Xiang Kong
Allan Korem
Daniel Kotfer
Peter Kraft
Jennifer Kristoff

Sylvie Kristoff
James Krupa
Mary Kujawski
Alica Lange
Elisabeth Lanman
Jessica Lapa
Kyle Leahy
Ji Lee

Justin Lee
Mitchell Leslie
Dylan LeVan
Carly Levin
Michael Litwiller
Breanna Lopez
Cristina Lopez
Serena Lopez

INSTYLE

DURING STUDY HALL on a "Sweater Thursday," juniors AJ Gauthier and Jonathan Pasyk study for a vocabulary test. Every Thursday, AJ and his friends took part in a new tradition, "Sweater Thursday." **WEARING A STRIPED**, v-neck sweater on "Sweater Thursday," Vince Pacatang, junior, talks with friends at lunch. "I took part in it because it was that one day of the week where I looked forward to and dressed up sort of decent," Vince said. **LAUGHING AT LUNCH**, co-founders of "Sweater Thursday," juniors Jack Heiniger and Kelan Harish even wear their sweaters in 80 degree weather. "'Sweater Thursday' was fun because it was a group of friends wearing something nice and comfortbale to school," Kelan said. "It was more of being a part of a popular group. I loved the different matching styles a sweater could be worn with, and it was fun to wear something preppy to school once in awhile."

Tatiana Lopez
Nicholas Loughlin
Allison Luchene
Nikola Lukic
Max Lundin
Erin Lusk
Zachary Lyons
Trisha Madura

Alisha Maiolo
Santo Marciano
Christian Markey
Holly Markovich
Nicholas Marlow
Arielle Martin
Heather Martin
Sarah Mathew

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Laurence McCarthy
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Cristina McNeiley
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Nicholas Milkovich

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Emily Mis
Brandon Mitchell
Adam Miyashiro
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Kieara Mosley
James Moss

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Carly Murphy
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Ricky Nava Aguirre
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Theresa Novosel
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Carson Ollo
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Jonathan Pasyk

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Parin Patel
Bradley Patricks
Andrea Paunicka
Hallie Peilet
Christopher Perez
Marguerite Perino

Michael Peters
Priya Pierie
Zoe Plawecki
Nicole Plewniak
Adam Pluard
Eric Pluard
Abigail Poerio
Marko Popovich

Maya Portillo
Michael Poulos
Marcus Prado
Charles Prucha
Jessica Pruim
Kimberly Pruim
Bridget Pruzin
Samuel Punday

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Jillian Rademacher
Nadia Radowick
Gabriella Ramirez
Haley Reda
Ashley Reinke
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Daniel Riggs
Kyle Riordan
Justin Rios
Edwin Rodriguez
Frank Rodriguez
Suzana Rodriguez
Mariana Rogers
Brandon Roman

Abigail Rosas
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Erin Sandoval
Mariah Saucedo
Michael Schlotman
Ally Schooler
Bruce Schramm
Megan Sellberg

Miesha Severinov
Scott Shaner
Megan Sheets
Evan Shmagranoff
Alex Sikora
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Lisa Slavo

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Sierra Smith
Catherine Sobilo
Bradley Soczyk
Carson Somodi
Joseph Sonaty
Thomas Sowinski
Rachael Spencer

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Nicholas Stassin
Kristina Stepanovic
Emma Sarah Stephens
Kaylee Stewart
Jeremy Stout
Ashley Suda
Zachary Suggs

Lindsay Surach
Colin Szafranski
Maggie Szakacs
Jennifer Tassaro
Kaitlyn Taylor
Raymond Taylor
Ronak Tilva
Eduardo Tirado

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Adjusting to cultural differences, exchange student, Agnes Svenson, junior, experience life in America

> "School in America had more rules. High school in Sweden was more like college."
>
> **- AGNES SVENSON,** JUNIOR

DRAW IT OUT
Sketching her picture in art class, Agnes Svenson, junior, enjoys her laid back classes. "Here I took really fun classes," Agnes said. "They didn't count for my school in Sweden. There I took the classes that I need for college."

When Swedish exchange student Agnes Svenson, junior, first arrived in the United States, the culture shock set in.

Having to adjust to the time difference, and switching to English, Agnes took a few days to get in the swing of American life as a teenager.

"School in America had more rules," Agnes said. "High school in Sweden was more like college."

In her school in Sweden, students did not follow the same schedule of classes everyday, according to Agnes.

Additionally, in Sweden, students only had three years of high school as opposed to four, according to Agnes.

"You get to choose your own high school," Agnes said. "They had different programs based on what you planned on studying in college. I went to one with a lot of social studies classes. It was kind of like a start to what you wanted to do later on."

Agnes also noticed a difference in the way Munster teens tend to travel.

"In America everybody had their own car," Agnes said. "In Sweden, we usually took the bus or ride a bike. We had really good public transportation."

However, the school spirit at Munster provided a new experience for Agnes.

"There was so much school spirit in Munster," Agnes said. "We didn't have school sports in Sweden, and we didn't have as many dances."

Throughout her days in the United States, Agnes had gone to Chicago with friends and gotten a taste of her home country. "We went to Andersonville; it was like a block of Swedish stores. I bought Swedish candy." Agnes said

June 8 marks the day Agnes leaves America.

"I missed my friends and family most," Agnes said "but I definitely wanted to come back to America someday."

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Erica Tritsch
David Trivunovic
Erica Tuley
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Liana Varjabedian
Marcos Vasquez

Armando Vazquez
Alexander Velez
Anthony Vetrano
Milica Vezmar
Nia Villalobos
Hannah Villaroman
Noah Villaroman
Jazmin Villicana

George Vlahos
Michael Wadas
Olivia Wagner
Jessica Wargo
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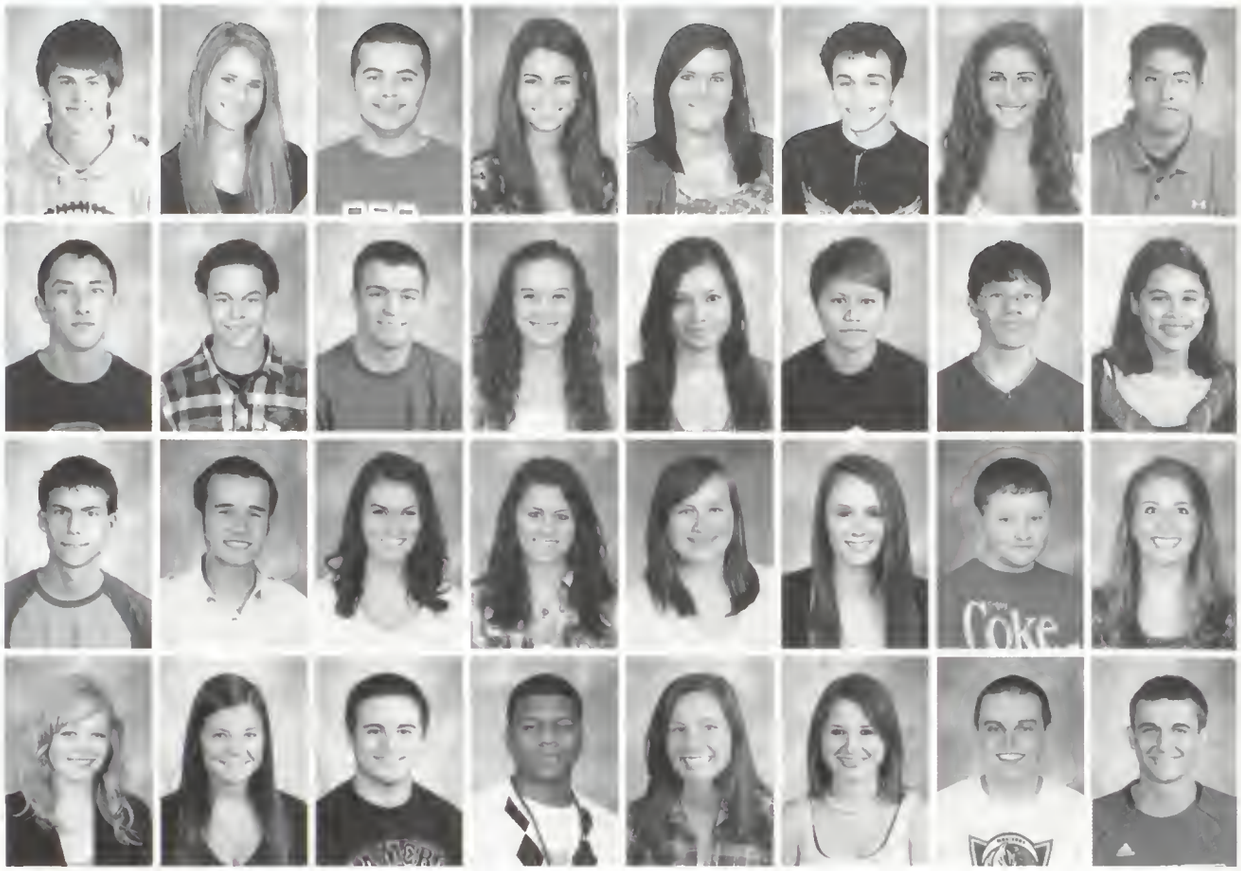

FIRE AWAY

With military blood running through his veins, Tony Hamer, junior, takes up the position as canoneer at the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post

"After seeing my interest in the tanks, my grandparents bought me my first set of plastic army men that Christmas. The rest was history."

-TONY HAMER, JUNIOR

Memorial Day has arrived and the sun shines hot in the sky. Families splash loudly in the pool with the smell of the grill lingering in the air. Suddenly, in the midst of the activity, a muffled boom sounds off in the distance.

Tony Hamer, junior, stands at the source of the explosion. As the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post's cannoneer, Tony brought a little "bang" to the otherwise relaxed holiday. His participation with the post stemmed from his interest in the military.

"My interest truly started when I was just a few years old, and we visited a tank museum in Cantigny," Tony said. "After seeing my interest in the tanks, my grandparents bought me my first set of plastic army men that Christmas. The rest was history."

Tony came from a family of veterans; one of those being his grandfather, who served as the VFW post commander. His grandfather automatically brought Tony along to the VFW ceremonies. Regardless of his initial involuntary involvement, Tony loved every part of the experience.

"With everything the post members and the troops overseas have gone through, the least I could do was honor them by being a Son of a VFW. Whenever it was freezing cold or sweltering hot and I had to be out there for a ceremony, I just thought about those who were not so lucky to be home," Tony said. "It was when I thought of them that I realized my life wasn't so bad. It was then that I decided that standing in the heat for an hour wasn't so bad. I may not have volunteered to be with the post, but I loved every bit of it."

Even after years of practice, the thrill of setting off the cannon has not worn down for Tony.

"As the years went by, it had become second nature firing it, but it still brought a smile to my face every time I heard that boom," Tony said. "In the words of my eccentric grandfather, 'We made the babies cry, the girls scream, and the boys go, "Yeah!"'"

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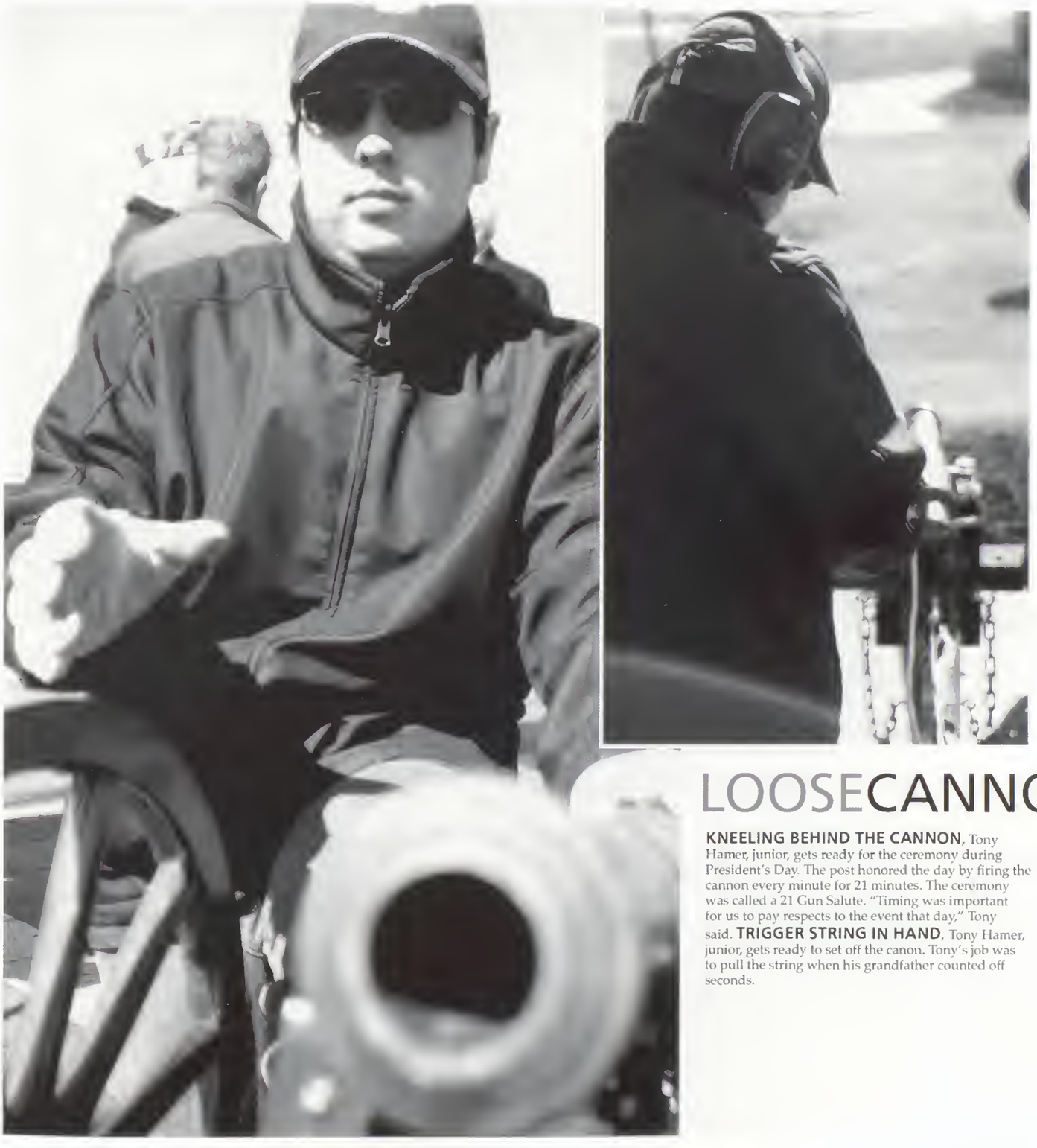

LOOSECANNON

KNEELING BEHIND THE CANNON, Tony Hamer, junior, gets ready for the ceremony during President's Day. The post honored the day by firing the cannon every minute for 21 minutes. The ceremony was called a 21 Gun Salute. "Timing was important for us to pay respects to the event that day," Tony said. **TRIGGER STRING IN HAND,** Tony Hamer, junior, gets ready to set off the canon. Tony's job was to pull the string when his grandfather counted off seconds.

HEART OF GOLD

With time on her hands, Jill Osterhus, sophomore decides to spend it by helping children in Jamaica

> "On the way to the resort, I couldn't help but notice little kids in their school uniforms walking to shacks that they call home."
>
> - **JILL OSTERHUS,** SOPHOMORE

Throwing away a new and unused Five Star notebook may not seem like such a big deal, but to a student in Jamaica, even a scrap of paper could brighten his or her day. With everyday school materials so close to hand, it doesn't seem too important to ordinary students, but to a child in Jamaica it brings a smile to his or her face.

Jill Osterhus, sophomore, first went to Jamaica a few years ago, while there for vacation, she noticed the poverty that had spread throughout the island.

"On the way to the resort, I couldn't help but notice little kids in their school uniforms walking to shacks that they call home," Jill said.

Jill first gave clothes and school supplies to a couple of women with children that braided her hair outside of the resort. Jill then began to realize there must be more kids in need of school supplies.

When she visited Church Hill Primary school located on the island, she realized the school didn't have the supplies that students back home take for granted; therefore, she knew someone needed to take action.

"I started Educate Jamaica in seventh grade when I asked Mr. Knish (Wilbur Wright middle school Principal) if I could set up bins at the end of the year to collect any unused school supplies," Jill said.

Jill continued to collect the unused school supplies from Wilbur Wright Middle School, as well as collecting donations from friends and neighbors.

However, in November, Jill received a Power of Children Award from The Children's Museum of Indianapolis which granted her $2,000 to continue with the program. Jill took trips to Jamaica every two years, including January of 2012.

PACK IT UP
With school supplies spread out on the counter, Jill Osterhus, sophomore, fills a backpack for children in Jamaica. "It was such a great feeling to see children smile because they received school supplies," Jill said.

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Emily Anderson
Evangelia Andreatos
Christopher Anguiano

Jack Arnold
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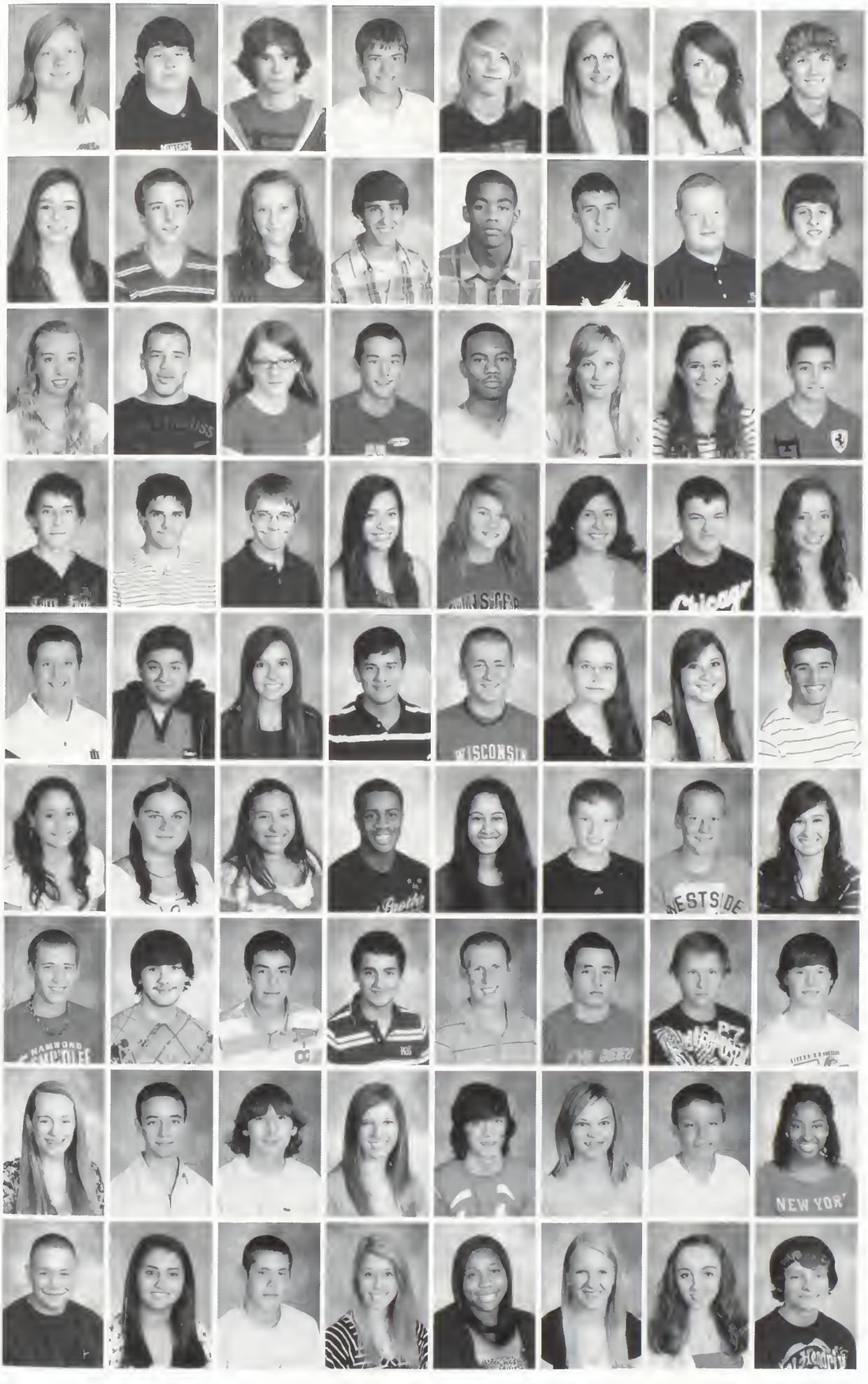

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Charmaine Connell
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Maritza Contreras
Analiese Corey
Tatiana Cruz
Ansell Dafiaghor
Shriya Das
Kurt Davia
Jacob DeBoer
Karina Del Real

Alex Del Rio
Antonio Delgado
Ricardo Delgado
Demetri Delis
Paul DeRolf
Christian Diaz-O'Connell
Tyler Dickeson
Jacob Dillman

Alyse Dittrich
Luis Dominguez
Matthew Dorabialski
Gabrielle Dore
Jared Duck
Cassandra Eberle
Zackary Eismin
Dorian Elzy

Ruben Escalante
Julia Eskander
Austin Etter
Elaina Etter
Maui Evans
Shannon Farrell
Bess Fary
Daniel Fehring

BREAK DOWN

Dancing since the fifth grade, Fernando Jiminez, sophomore, shares his passion with others

> "Dancing was something I loved to do, and I did it everywhere I went, like grocery shopping, school, in the car, even when I was at church because it was a big part of my life."
>
> **- FERNANDO JIMINEZ,** SOPHOMORE

Popping, locking and dub stepping to the beat of the music is not something new to Fernando Jiminez, sophomore.

In fifth grade while most students were taking time deciding which sport they wanted to join, Fernando had taken interest in dancing instead.

"I had always liked dancing, but in fifth grade I started to notice that it was something I wanted to become better at," Fernando said.

Never having been part of a dance class, Fernando took it into his own hands to learn new moves.

"Since I really wanted to learn all these dance moves, I started watching videos on YouTube, and I would practice the choreography," Fernando said. "It was something that just came to me."

While most boys participated in baseball, football and soccer, Fernando could not help but dance. While dancing, Fernando had the opportunity to express himself and showcase his passion for dancing as well as his moves.

"It (dancing) was something I loved to do, and I did it everywhere I went, like grocery shopping, school, in the car, even when I was at church, because it was a big part of my life," Fernando said.

With the aspiration of one day starting a dance crew, Fernando hoped to first win America's Best Dance Crew by practicing and dancing in front of people; it would help get rid of fear, according to Fernando.

Quoting his favorite dance crew, "You only got so many moments in your life that if you were not afraid to be yourself you could make your wildest dreams a reality," Fernando said.

Living by this quote, Fernando danced as a hobby to achieve his dreams. Fernando also enjoyed the uniqueness of his talent and didn't let social norms deter him from doing what he wanted.

DANCING TIME
On his hands, Fernando Jiminez, sophomore, brings out the "A Move." Fernando danced wherever he pleased and whenever he had time. Because of the flexibility of his hobby, he found himself dancing quite often. "Dancing was something that I always wanted to learn more about," Fernando said. "Whenever there was time, I always broke out dancing."

Christopher Fields
Hannah Fischer
Robyn Flanagan-Seels
Brenda Flores
Jonathan Flores
Erin Flynn
Jacob Flynn
James Foster

Alison Frankland
Evan Fus
Brandon Galambos
Joseph Gallagher
Maritza Garcia
Nayelly Garcia
Jacob Gariup
Aleksandra Gasich

Lara Gasich
Demetrios Georgalas
Amelia Georgas
Jyotshal Ghimire
Shawn Gish
Harrison Goldenberg
Miguel Gonzalez
Allyson Goodrich

Casey Gouwens
Malik Green
Jason Grimmer
Lucas Groszewski
Amber Grove
Cody Grzybowski
Sydney Gunty
Alondra Guzman

Adrian Guzman De La Mora
Kyle Hansen
Tyler Hansen
Brandon Hanusin
Max Hastings
Robert Heitz
Samuel Helmer
Heather Hemingway

Nelson Hemingway
Mario Hernandez
Natalia Hernandez
Steven Herndon
David Hladek
Ross Hobbs
Emylee Huard
Christopher Hunter

Ashley Hwang
Blessing Ibikunle-Salami
Nicklaus Ingoglia
Miriam Isa
Katarina Ivanovic
Priasha Iyer
Roger Jachna
Jake Janik

Jamal Jenkins
Fernando Jimenez
Ana Johnson
Charles Jones
Michael Jurkash
Katlin Kalemba
Eric Kalis
Emily Kaniewski

MAKING A BEAT

Marko Lekic, sophomore, turns his passion for film and music into a business

> "I was doing what I loved to do without anything really stopping me, so, if there was any advice I would give to people, it was that it was possible."
> - **MARKO LEKIC,** SOPHOMORE

Sitting in front of his Mac, Marko Lekic, sophomore, may look like any other teenage boy spending his free time on the computer, however, the work he does will soon turn into a song to be released under his record label, Marko Lekic Entertainment (MLE).

Marko founded MLE, a film, photo and music production company, in 2010. He had previously been uploading videos and guitar covers to YouTube, but decided it was easier to combine all of his interests under one name.

"It just kind of made sense to have everything together," Marko said. "It was easier than trying to be five different people posting different things."

MLE produced short and long films for various occasions and did event coverage, commercials and music videos. Marko also took part in the production of "Ringing of the Belles," a short film that was screened at the Dallas International Film Festival.

"Before, I had just been DJing and recording my own work," Marko said. "But, I became more and more interested in recording other people when I saw that there were a lot of talented people in the school."

With the help of Daniel Cantu, senior, Marko began signing artists under the label and producing music. Some of these local bands included Feens, Decipher and Skewed Understanding, which featured students from Munster.

Marko's long-term goals for MLE were for it to become a professional production company and record label.

"I was doing what I loved to do without anything really stopping me," Marko said. "So, if there was any advice I would give to people, it was that it was possible."

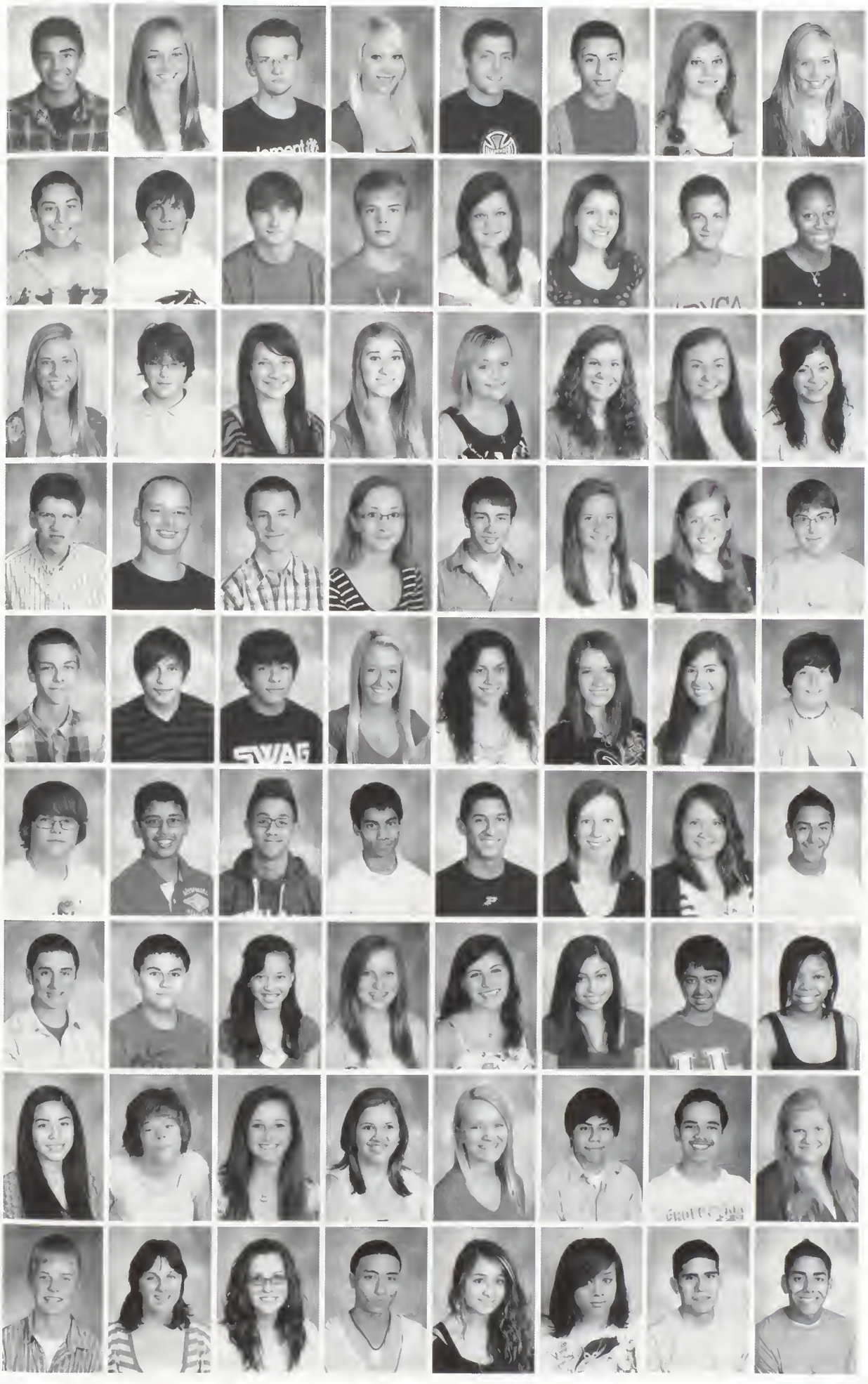
SICKBEATS

HANDS ON HIS KEYBOARD, Marko Lekic, sophomore, transfers beats from his beat maker to his computer. These beats would make up the songs that the label produced. **CONCENTRATING ON HIS** computer screen, Marko Lekic, sophomore, works on a song. "First, the artist and I would go through beats," Marko said. "Then, the rappers would write and record their verses. Then I would mix the song and send it to mastering engineers to put the on the finishing touches. Lastly, I would put it on iTunes or Soundcloud."

John Kapitan
Morgan Kaptur
Maria Karamichos
Rebecca Karnezis
Taylor Katalinic
Nathalie Kauz
Paulina Kawalec
Zachary Kennedy

Deeva Khatiwada
Colleen Kifer
Jung Ho Kim
Brian King
Matthew Kingdollar
Elizabeth Kloos
Joseph Kmak
Natalia Kotz

Samantha Koufos
Haridimos Kouklakis
Alissa Kowalski
Andrew Kremmidas
Sudhin Krishnan
Kyle Kristoff
Nicholas Kujovich
Kasey Kulesa



Eashan Kumar
Savannah Kurgan
Collin Kutka
Emily Lagestee
Jacob Lakomek
Arturo Landeros
Isabella Lappo
Catherine Lebryk

Marko Lekic
Flynn Lemonnier
Kyle Leuser
Zachary Liesenfelt
Skylar Lolkema
Katherine Long
Chase Lorenz
Tyra Lott

Kailee Loughlin
Mark Madden
Jessika Majszak
Nicole Mammano
Cheyenne Marciniak
Rachel Markowicz
Amanda Martin
Lillian Martinez

Nathan Matthews
Eliott Maul
Patrick McCarthy
Amy McCullough
Michael McGrath
Emily McNicholas
Deanna McPartlan
Benjamin Mecyssine

Tyler Mehay
Matthew Menchaca
Joel Mendoza
Taylor Michalski
Taylor Mihalic
Victoria Miller
Amanda Milojkovitch
Lauren Mintz

Jacob Mirowski
Akhilesh Mishra
Ahmed Mohamed
Ayaz Mohammed
Saam Mojtahed
Haley Moles
Alexis Monthie
Alejandro Morado

Joseph Moreno
Justin Moreno
Supitcha Muangmingsuk
Allison Mudro
Judie Muhrez
Zoe Munoz
Vijay Narayan
Jasmin Nelson

Jazmin Nevarez
Vanessa Newell
Valerie Niemiec
Emma Nossem
Brittany Nowak
Claude Nunez
Juan Nunez
Megan O'Brien

Martin O'Shaughnessy
Belinda Oberman
Danica Obradovic
Bassam Odtallah
Manar Odtallah
Shrouk Odtallah
Demetrio Ornelas
Arturo Ortiz

David Osborne
Jill Osterhus
Steven Ozug
Jessie Palma
Peter Panos
Constantine Papadatos
Morgan Papesh
Chara Parfitt

Ethan Paskewicz
Dhiraj Patil
Neeta Patwari
Quinton Pedrick
Cameron Pendrick
Montay Penning
James Perino
Andrew Phifer

Michelle Pietruszka
Sierra Pilackas
Steven Pilipow
Joseph Pillarella
John Pitsas
Cede Plawecki
Kayla Potoski
Nicholas Powell

Elizabeth Prado
Payton Preboy
Michelle Prevatte
Sydney Puckett
Paige Puplava
Steven Rakich
Christian Rangel
Kaley Regan

SNAPSHOT SUCCESS

Through photography and filming, Kevin Yurasovich, sophomore, finds his passion

> "I loved the collaboration between everyone to make something from nothing."
> - **KEVIN YURASOVICH,** SOPHOMORE

One second in the Blockbuster hit Harry Potter contains 24 pictures. A fact only Kevin Yurasovich, sophomore, can recite from memory. Kevin's love of photography and filmmaking led him to absorb each film experience he could and allowed him to strive for his dream.

Kevin started his interest in film at a very young age. He enjoyed playing with his dad's old camera and making videos on family vacations. However, the Wilbur Wright Middle School announcement program provided the biggest leap, according to Kevin.

Contests also helped Kevin start thinking about making filming a career. After a long application process, he got accepted into the Fresh Films program. This program, sponsored by Resee's Puffs, sent two crews of team filmmakers to Hollywood in California and allowed them to film, produce and edit films.

"I had to write a few essays explaining why I wanted to be a part of the crew," Kevin said. "A few weeks later, I got a call for a phone interview and also saying that I was in the top 50 contestants. A few days later, I had a message on the answering machine saying that they wanted me to come out to California with them."

Kevin arrived in California a day early and was immediately impressed by his surroundings. After meeting the crew, he knew it would be a successful week of filmmaking, according to Kevin.

"Once I started talking to the other people that were there, I knew we were going to get a lot done and have a really great time while doing it," Kevin said.

Along with the Fresh Films contest, Kevin also attended a camp offered by Munster Parks and Recreation for two summers, and in the third summer, he began to mentor at the camp.

Along with the film contest and camp, Kevin entered the Photographers Forum High School and College photography contest. Kevin's photograph was selected out of 18,000 as a finalist and was published in the "Best of High School and College Photography 2012."

"I saw an envelope addressed to me and I looked at who it was from, but it still hadn't clicked," Kevin said. "Once I saw that it was from Photographers Forum, I immediately knew what it was. I was really surprised. To be in a small group out of that many really meant a lot."

Kevin enjoyed the photography aspect of filmmaking and hoped to combine pictures into film in the future.

"I loved the collaboration between everyone to make something from nothing," Kevin said. "If I could apply my love of for making beautiful pictures, then I could apply myself to make beautiful films and tell a story as well."

Tyler Reinsma
Matthew Reno
Christopher Rhodes
Erik Rhodes
Gina Rice
Samuel Rice
Colin Richter
Julie Ridder

Eamon Riley
Deven Rodgers
Andrea Rodriguez
Jessica Rooth
Alec Roquena
Lauren Rouse
Joseph Ruffalo
Rachel Ruffalo

Stacey Ruiz
Renee Rumas
Kelly Russell
Epifanio Sadural
Gina Saez
Chloe Salisbury
Selena Samardzich
Calvin Sanders

Chloe Sannito
Levi Sasek
Danijela Savic
Jennifer Scherzinger
Paul Schmitt
Cassidy Schwartz
Rebecca Seligman
Nicholas Sepulveda

POINTSHOOT

KNEELING DOWN to get a birds' eye view shot, Kevin Yurasovich, sophomore, takes the head shots of Colleen Kifer, sophomore. **WITH THE WIND BLOWING**, Kevin waits for the perfect moment to take a shot. Because of the wind and sun, he had to make sure Colleen was ready for the camera. **TAKING A PAUSE** to laugh with his friends, Kevin enjoys his time during a photo-shoot. The photo-shoots allowed him to go to different places, such as Centennial Park, with friends.

Tanner Seput
Akash Shah
Priya Shah
Joshua Shalen
Ishani Sharma
Madeline Sharmat
Sarah Sharpe
Nicholas Siano

Fareesa Siddiqui
David Sikorski
Amanda Simchak
Sahib Singh
Sidarth Singh
Mateo Singleton
Alec Skalka
Zachary Slosser

Lauren Soeka
Janel Solis
Ian Sonnenberg
Carly Sorensen
Nicholas Soy
Quanisha Spann
Matthew Specht
Ashley Sprinkles

Elena Sroge
Allison Stahl
Anthony Steele
Carly Steinberg
Akina Stockling
Wendy Stocky
Megan Stone
Anna Stooksbury

Daniel Straka
Mary Strong
Zaria Suggs
Eric Svoboda
Caitlin Swetlik
Natalia Swiatko
Eric Swingler
Morgan Switalla

Matthew Szala
Kimberly Szymkowski
Ashley Talesky
Anthony Tate
Annilee Taylor
Brandon Tepper
Melissa Tepperman
Ryann Thompson

Roshan Tilva
Angelica Timar
Kristina Todorovic
Daniel Torres
Mia Torres
Samuel Toth
Milos Trivunovic
Michele Troumouliaris

Tyler Van Wieren
Dayna Van Woert
Zachary VanOeveren-Rinehart
Rathnam Venkat
Rachel Waltz
Benjamin Wanicki
Brendan Ward
Sebastian Weakland

Sarah Webster
Courtney Weinberg
Jamie Whiting
Jeffrey Wieser
Timothy Wieser
Kyle Wilkinson
Allison Wisniewski
Emma Witt

HIT THE SPOT

Boxing provides confidence, strength and stress relief for Alondra Guzman, sophomore

STRETCH IT OUT
Taking advantage of the warm weather in early March, Alondra Guzman, sophomore, stretches and prepares for an afternoon of stress relief through boxing. "Boxing benefited you because you learned how to defend yourself," Alondra said.

> "When we started training that day, I felt like I had already been boxing for years."
> - **ALONDRA GUZMAN,** SOPHOMORE

Alondra Guzman, sophomore, relieves stress in a different way than most people. While sleep or music can provide relief, Alondra throws punches.

Although throwing punches sounded like a violent way to relieve stress, the punches were aimed toward a trained professional and a punching bag through boxing.

A typical boxing class included a ten minute warm-up, an hour of boxing and a ten minute cool-down. The high-intensity work out involved different combinations of punches.

"Boxing helped keep my mind off things and helped me relax when I was stressed out about homework and other school drama," Alondra said. "Plus, it was a great workout."

Alondra started boxing with her sister a little over a year ago. She took a class at Fight Barn, a local martial arts school located on Calumet Ave., twice a week.

On her first day, she felt nervous, but once she met her trainer Kim she calmed down. Kim welcomed her and made her comfortable, according to Alondra.

"When we started training that day, I felt like I had already been boxing for years," Alondra said.

Training consisted of practicing punching techniques, working out at various stations set up by her trainer, conditioning and running, according to Alondra. She trained to prepare for upcoming matches that she looked forward to competing in.

"Besides helping with stress, I thought boxing made you a stronger person and made you feel more confident," Alondra said. "But I recommended boxing to anyone who was looking for a way to relax and escape the stress of school."

Although her method of stress relief was different, Alondra enjoyed her time at Fight Barn and hoped to continue boxing.

David Wittkamp
Mitchell Wojciechowski
Alyssa Wojcik
Tyler Wood
Jacob Woods
Stephen Woods-Malloy
Jeffrey Woodward
Luke Wuchenich

Brandon Yager
Hanhuang Yao
Kevin Yurasovich
Joseph Yurek
Leon Zajac
Omnya Zaman
Elaine Zmuda
Courtney Zunica

Drew Adams
Aidan Albrecht
Olivia Alexander
Karim Ali
Jessica Almasy
Rama Alsakaji
James Altgilbers
Jordan Anderson

Martin Arellano
Joshua Armstrong
Catherine Arndt
Madison Athey
Anna Bachert
Mary Bridget Baeza
Alexander Baker
Ethan Baker

Maxwell Baker
Cayla Bales
Brian Banach
Brittany Barajas
Blaire Barnett
Kassandra Barraza
Brian Battista
Kaitlin Battista

Alexandra Bauer
James Beckman
Andres Bedolla
Jared Benson
Zahra Bhoy
Natalia Bilek
George Bissias
Miguel Blakeley

Nicholas Bleza
Katelyn Bobalik
Jacob Bobeck
Casey Boelt
Kalin Bradley
Samual Bratton
Amanda Brazzle
Isiah Brooks

Jacob Brown
Joseph Bryant
Addison Bryce
Michael Buchalo
Stephanie Bulow
Patrick Burke
Brooke Butler
Cierra Campbell

Javier Campos
Paulo Campos
Arthur Carey
Joseph Carlascio
Xavier Carrizales
Calli Chafin
Saptarshi Chakraborty
Rohan Chatterjee

Chetan Chauhan
Karina Chavez
Andy Chen
Matthew Childs
Balashwethan Chockalingam
Emily Chorazyczewski
Abigail Clark
Nia Clark

Jordan Cole
Jacob Collins
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Alyssa Comer
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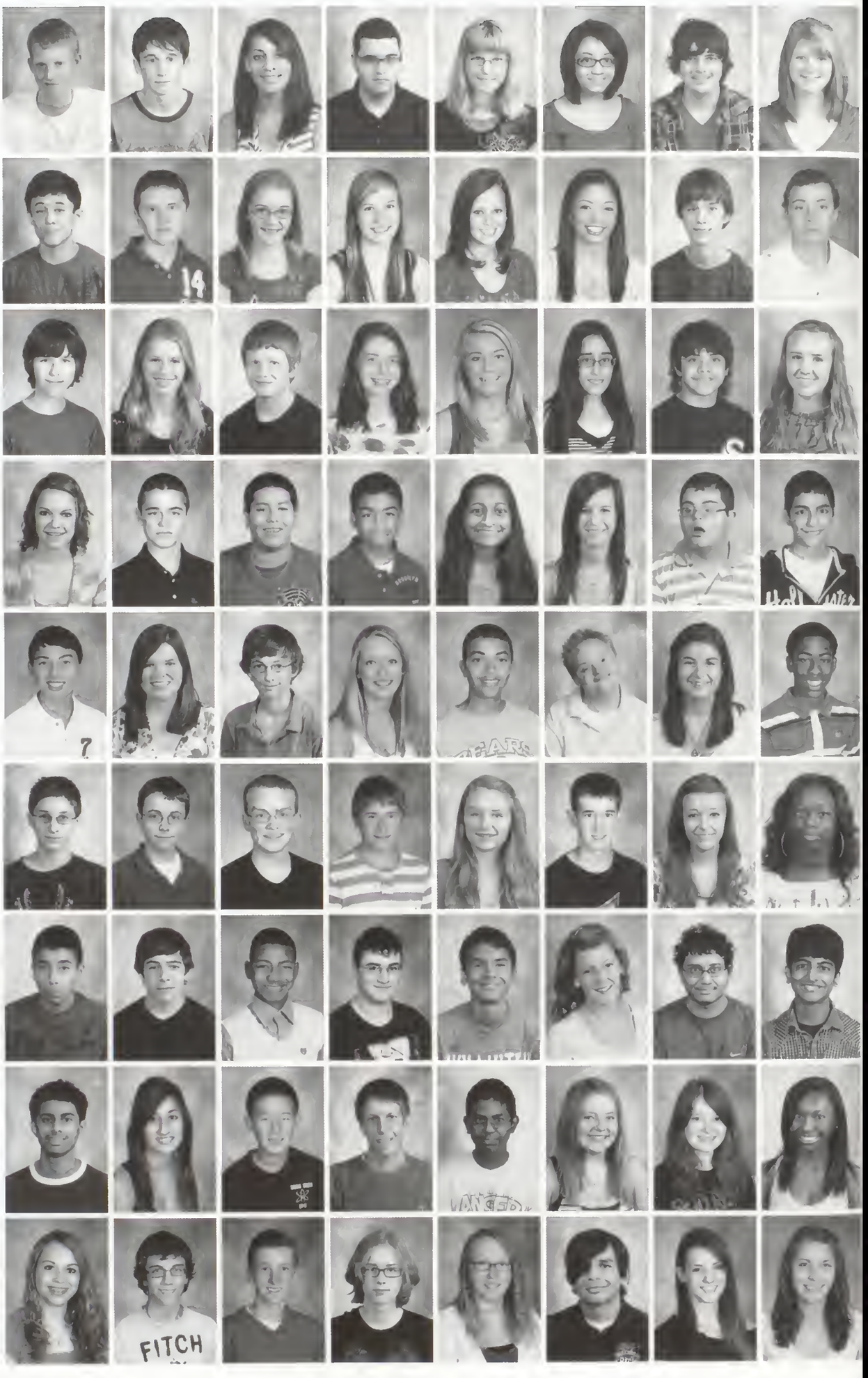
Courtnee Cruz



TONGUE TWIST

Learning four different languages, Siddarth Divakaruni, freshman, embraces cultures

> "I wanted to learn several languages because I wanted to travel the world and be able to talk with lots of people."
> - SIDDARTH DIVAKARUNI, FRESHMAN

LEARNING LANGUAGE
During a session with his Japanese tutor, Mrs. Nakamura, Siddarth Divakaruni, freshman, does a worksheet on different Japanese verb forms. "I loved working with Mrs. Nakamura," Siddarth said. "She was a great, nice teacher."

Greeting his Japanese teacher with "Konnichiwa," Siddarth Divakaruni, freshman, takes his seat with his Japanese teacher, Mrs. Nakamura, whom he meets with every Tuesday and Thursday. Little did his teacher know that later in the week, he'd be practicing three other languages. Even though Siddarth practiced the religion Hindu, he embraced several other cultures and their languages.

Siddarth, considered multilingual, learned four different languages over the past year: Spanish, French, German and Japanese.

"I wanted to do something that was unique," Siddarth said. "I wanted to learn several languages because I wanted to travel the world and be able to talk with lots of people."

Practicing four hours a week, Siddarth took Japanese, German, and Spanish classes with private tutors.

"I just took the classes and eventually everything fell into place," Siddarth said. "It got easier to understand with more practice."

While learning German, Spanish and Japanese in his free-time, Siddarth took French as a foreign language in school.

"French was definitely the most important to me because I got to move up a level, so I was in French 3," Siddarth said. "I was really proud of that!"

Taking advantage of the many options available, Siddarth enjoyed embracing several different cultures, as well as his own.

Elijah Cuddigan
Allison Cunningham
Laurel Curran
Cassidy Cusick
Antonia Dallecarbonare
Charles Decesaris
Jamie Deja
Elena Dekker

James Delis
Elizabeth Della Rocco
Gianna Demase
Laurel Demkovich
Hannah Dempsey
Dylan DeYoung
Vijai Kumar Dharla
Kayle Di Novo

Damarys Diaz
Elias Diaz
Brianna Dittmer
Siddharth Divakaruni
Jordan Dixon
Stevan Djuric
Maureen Doherty
Andrew Dorn

OVER THE FENCE

Not finding satisfaction in team sports, Charles Decaris, freshman finds enjoyment with sabers

> "You're out there on your own and you can't just rely on anyone else to carry a team. You have to have your own strength and wit."
>
> - **CHARLES DECARIS,** FRESHMAN

As Charles Decaris, freshman, walks towards his opponent, he sports a helmet and white jacket attached to electrical cords. In his hand, he grips a blade and gauntlet.

While other students hit the soccer field or the track, Charles chooses to grab a sabre and fence.

With three years of fencing under his belt, Charles qualified for Junior Olympics this year for the second time."

"I went last year, but I was pretty new compared to everyone else so it was mostly a learning experience," Charles said.

After not placing last in his first few competitions, he has worked his way up, according to Charles.

Fencing attracted Charles because of its good sportsmanship of rivals and diverse qualities.

"It was a mix of being a competitive sport and a gentlemen's sport," Charles said. "People were competitive but got along."

Charles loves the challenge that fencing offers both his body and his brain.

"It involved a lot more technique than most sports," Charles said. "It was called physical chess. It was very physically demanding and mentally demanding."

Fencing has a unique dynamic, according to Charles.

"It was a sport that required small bursts of energy, as opposed to continuous action," Charles said.

COUNTER ACT
After his opponents' attack failed, Charles DeCesaris, freshman, uses a counter attack. "Youto know what opponents were going to do before they did it," he said.

Elise Dorn
Douglas Dowd
Bryan Dublak
James Eaton
Seth Edens
Kyle Edgcomb
Joshua Edwards
Chelsea Eickleberry

Austin Eiland
Grace Escalante
Sierra Falcon
Bushra Fatima
Tessa Faubion
Sarah Fehring
Michelle Fies
John Filic

Jessica Flores
Victoria Foster
Gianna Fotopoulos
Ian Frankland
Nicolas Fromm
Kevin Fuhs
Lawrence Gaines
Erin Gallagher

Jesse Gandarilla
Isabel Garcia
Joseph Gardner
Maggie Gerber
Domeneque Geron
Andrew Getting
Prabhneet Girn
Molly Gish

Ryan Glasen
Kaitlynn Gloff
Kathleen Gonzales
Anthony Gonzalez
Jeremy Gonzalez
Joshua Gonzalez
Michael Goodman
Andrew Grabelle

Daniel Green
Richard Greep
Jessica Grimmer
Jordan Grinstead
Sofia Grubisich
Miranda Guerrero
Brooke Habegger
Drew Hackett

Emily Hammermeister
Dana Handler
Brittany Hargrove
Dynasty Harmon
Quinn Harris
Erin Harvath
Lily Hasler
Sean Hasse

William Hatczel
Michael Hayes
Melios Heath
Walker Hedgepath
Carl Hehemann
Nicole Heiniger
Jacob Helmer
Allison Hemingway

ON YOUR MARK

Despite stigmas about girls racing BMX, Nicole Mirowski, freshman found success

> "A lot of other girl racers thougth that since I didn't come from a factory team, there was no chance I would win, but in the end, the truth came out about how fast I was."
>
> **- NICOLE MIROWSKI,** FRESHMAN

Crossing the finish line at a National BMX race, Nicole Mirowski, freshman, felt an overwhelming sense of accomplishment.

"I felt like I was going to cry," she said. "A lot of other girl racers thought that since I didn't come from a factory team, there was no chance I would win, but in the end, the truth came out about how fast I was."

Nicole earned the title of National number one in 2011 for the 14 year-old age group.

"Winning National number one motivated me," Nicole said. "It made me work even harder to earn that title again and again."

Nicole started out concentrating and remained focused to receive a "good" gate start, and with that in mind, she found success.

"My biggest accomplishment was finishing 2011 National number one and winning the NBL Grands all in the same weekend," Nicole said.

Nicole trained every week throughout the year. This constant practice aided her improvement and speed, according to Nicole.

"If you don't ride every week, it's really hard to be good at what you do," Nicole said. "You will just stay the same speed."

Initially playing hockey, Nicole's interest in BMX sparked from watching her brother ,Jacob, race.

After racing a lap on a friend's track, Nicole realized her true passion, according to Nicole.

"It was fun," Mirowski said. "I met lots of cool people and I'm good at it."

Fears circled in the back of her mind in the beginning of her racing career, according to Nicole.

"My biggest fear was falling," Nicole said. "(But) the dangers range from road rash to broken bones and in rare cases, paralysis."

The notion of her breaking her wrists again served as a constant fear, according to Nicole.

Additionally, Nicole always found motivation from her opponents.

"I knew I wanted to beat them and be faster than them," Nicole said. "I kept training and now some riders are intimidated by me and my speed."

Despite stigmas surrounding BMX racing Nicole never felt out of place.

"Even though this is a male dominated sport there are still hundreds of girl racers," Nicole said.

AIMING HIGH

Nicole has earned various titles from BMX racing

- District number four
- National number one
- First in NBL Grands

source: Nicole Mirowski, freshman

Rainy Herakovich
Jessica Hernandez
Megan Hernandez
Jacqueline Herrera
Jared Hill
Danielle Hladek
Xavier Hofferth-Pettis
John Hulsey

Oluwagbemisola Ibikunle
Pharez Israel
Michael Jackson
Rachel Jamrose
Elizabeth Jernigan
Michael Jimenez
Brandon Johnson
Joseph Johnston

Carolyn Jones
Rachel Jones
Abigail Jurado
George Jurincie
Nikolas Kajmakoski
Revati Kalluri
Rohini Kalluri
Niki Kamalipour

Sydney Kawalec
Carly Kennedy
Zachary Keslin
Brett Kessler
Ayesha Khan
Momnah Khan
Shaniyah Kimbrough
Barbara Klavin

Natalie Klys
Kyle Knoerzer
Gage Knor
Sai Sripad Kodukula
Jocelyn Kopas
Nicholas Kotz
Taylor Kotzo
Lauren Koultourides

Demetri Kounelis
Ziyad Kraft
Ryan Kritzer
Melanie Krueger
Christian Kruse
Adam Kulam
Amanda Kvasnica
Hayley Kwasniewski

Olivia Laoang
Maxwell Lawson
Jordan Lay
Jessica Layous
Krysten Leahy
Amber LeDonne
Brittany Lee
Kyle Lee

Seung Lee
Jonathan Lemke
Allison Levin
Marcus Levitan
Nathan Lock
Zachary Long
Emmanuel Lopez
Mark Lopez

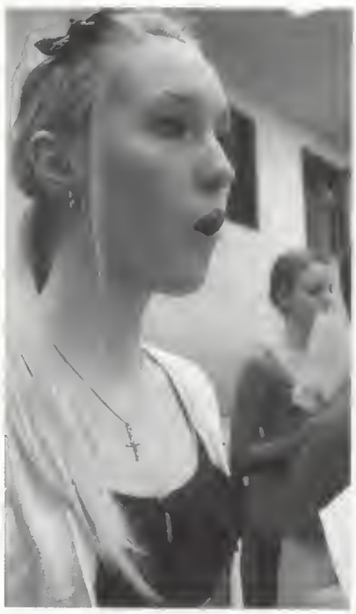
Patrick Losiniecki
Dominic Lucito
Kassandra Luehrs
Colleen Lusk
Kelsey Lynch
Gustavo Magana
Shannon Mahoney
Shawn Mahoney

SINGING OUT LOUD

Maddie O'Dea, freshman, takes her passion for singing and turns it into a challenge

> "From that moment on, I decided to take every opportunity I had available to me, and the X Factor was one of those."
> - **MADDIE O'DEA,** FRESHMAN

PLACE IN THE CHOIR
With 'O' formation, Maddie O'Dea, freshman, sings with her school choir. Choir allowed her to practice her abilities. "I really liked choir because I got to hang out with my friends and sing at the same time," Maddie said.



Being 14 years old means a time of insecurities for most people. Many students only want to blend in and play it safe so they can get by in high school. For Maddie O'Dea, freshman, 14 meant taking a chance. After being diagnosed with a frightening medical condition, she became inspired to pursue her dreams.

"When I was a little girl I always wanted to be a famous singer. I loved to be on stage, and I would sing for anyone that would listen or pretend to listen for that matter," Maddie said. "A few years ago, I was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease, and things got pretty scary. So from that moment on, I decided to take every opportunity I had available to me, and the X Factor was one of those."

Maddie auditioned for the singing competition TV show over the summer. She had to wait at the registration gates at 5 a.m. for a guaranteed audition spot. The next day at the Sears Center, Maddie waited in line for over 12 hours, half of that time in the rain, just to try out. The day took a toll on her mentally and physically.

"Originally, I was pretty nervous when the day first began, but after waiting in the rain I didn't feel nervous at all. If anything I was excited," Maddie said. "By that time, I had been up for 15 hours and waited for in line for 12 hours in all. I wanted to go home and sleep, so by the time my audition came, I was exhausted."

Despite the enormous wait time, the actual auditions went by quickly.

"When I auditioned they didn't ask anything about me. They just wanted me to sing, and after hearing the girl before me sound like a tone deaf walrus and make it to the next round, I was sure I would be able to make it too," Maddie said. "In the end I didn't make it, I wasn't bad enough to be in what they called 'joke auditions' but I wasn't fantastic enough to be the next best thing."

Even though she didn't get as far as she had hoped, Maddie continued to gain singing experience by participating in other musical activities offered by the school.

"I was involved with theater, and I was in choir, and I loved it," Maddie said. " My mom and I both sang and played the piano at events and at church, so I was able to sing for crowds and keep doing what I loved to do."

Mary Maloney
Nikola Mandic
Benjamin Marcus
Christina Margaris
Alexis Mason
Audrey Mayer
Lauren Maynard
Brendan McCarthy

William McDunn
Emily McNamara
Kelly McNamee
Robert Medwetz
Alexander Megremis
Jasmine Mercado
Taylor Merkel
Joseph Michalski

Miranda Mihalic
Lucas Milkovich
Bret Miller
Alexandria Milne
Nicole Mirowski
Ashraf Mohamed
Jessica Molloy-Garcia
Amanda Mooney

Zahra Moreno
Joshua Morris
Lexis Mosqueda
Wish Muangmingsuk
Kathryn Muczynski
Kelly Mundy
James Murphy
Tegan Murphy

Ryan Myers
Lara Natonski
Randy Nava
Emily Niaves
Joseph Nicholas
David Nix
Erica Norwood
Madison Odea

Catherine Oesterle
Jacob Opat
Rosalio Ornelas
Adam Ostoich
Aron Panas
Richard Parra
Vrusha Patel
Deepali Patil

Christopher Perez
Joshua Peters
Mark Phelps
Daniel Philipsborn
Zachary Pickett
Elena Piech
Dillon Pierie
Marija Popovich

Laurissa Portillo
Michael Portone
Christian Poulos
Małgorzata Pozdzal
Emma Prucha
Sean Pruzin
Peyton Puckett
Madeline Purcell

Julissa Quintanilla
Emily Rada
Grant Rademacher
Jason Ramirez
Shabnam Rashid
Nicholas Redman
Justin Reinsma
Emily Rhoda

Julianne Rice
Collin Riddle
Fiona Riley
Priscilla Rivera
Michael Rivich
Jaron Rodriguez
John Rosario
Marissa Rose

William Roser
Samuel Rosser
Ricardo Ruiz
Matthew Ryan
Rasha Sabbah
Jhoanna Sadural
Avi Sahi
Nathan Sakevicius

Alexius Samuels
Katelyn Sanders
Jane Sannito
Noah Schlossberger
Kevin Schlotman
Ali Shahid
Meredith Simmons
Bhupinder Singh

STRIKING UP THE BAND

> "I've performed so many times and I loved getting the nervous feeling, the good nervous feeling, before performing."
>
> - **JHOANNA SADURAL,** FRESHMAN

After realizing her knack for music, Jhoanna Sadural, freshman, expands her proficiency and learns to play seven different instruments

When Jhoanna Sadural, freshman, picked up the small plastic guitar to play Guitar Hero, something sparked up inside her. That spark spread into a raging fire, and soon enough Jhoanna was playing a total of seven different instruments: acoustic and electric guitar, drums, French horn, trumpet, piano, ukulele and even a little saxophone.

"I really liked the sound of the instruments, and I also liked how you could play almost any genre with most of those instruments," Jhoanna said.

Though she took an interest in all seven of her instruments, she preferred some over the others. Jhoanna connected with the drums more than any other instrument.

"When I played, the sound of the drums drowned out all the noises, and it felt like nothing else in the world mattered," Jhoanna said.

Her passion for the drums led her to her next musical endeavor. Johanna took lessons at HGS Music, a local music lesson school, where she found other musicians to start a rock band with. While they stayed together, the band performed cover songs by groups like Aerosmith and Paramore in front of audiences. Jhoanna got a taste of what it felt like to be in the spotlight.

"I loved performing," Jhoanna said. "I performed so many times and I loved getting the nervous feeling, the good nervous feeling, before performing,"

Jhoanna's love of music stretched beyond playing instruments. She started writing her own music, using anything from people to quotes as her inspiration.

"It started with emotions and ideas, and I wrote it down," Jhoanna said. "To me writing lyrics was almost impossible, so I usually moved on to picking up my guitar and humming a tune and playing chords, this was usually where the some of the lyrics came in."

Because of the time consuming process, Jhoanna had yet to complete a full song. For the future, however, she mused with the idea of starting a new band with original songs. Her other musical activities, band and orchestra, kept her occupied for the present. No matter what genre she played, music remained an essential activity in her life.

"It was a way of expressing your feelings with or without words," Jhoanna said. "It was a way of getting away from the world."

MAKENOISE

WITH A STEADY PACE, Jhoanna Sadural, freshman, plays the French horn. The French horn was the instrument that Jhoanna had to play for band. "I liked playing it because it had a really unique sound," Jhoanna said. **FOLLOWING ALONG**, Jhoanna reads with the music as she plays her instrument. Because of her varied experience with multiple instruments, Jhoanna was able to sight read well.

CULTURE SHOCK

Prabhneet Girn, freshman, takes part in HUM to help out the community and celebrate her culture

"The best part about being in HUM was that it helped me my freshman year to meet new people while having the opportunity to help others."
- **PRABHNEET GIRN,** FRESHMAN

Wanting to meet new people and volunteer, Prabhneet Girn, freshman, decided to join HUM.

HUM, meaning "us" in Hindi,was an organization of Indian high school students looking to become involved in the community, according to Prabhneet.

"I didn't know much about HUM, but in the summer I was asked if I'd like to be part of a group that volunteered and raised money for charities," Prabhneet said. "I thought it would be a great opportunity to meet others in the community."

After becoming a member of HUM, Prabhneet volunteered at several events. She volunteered at Cici's Pizza, India Fest and Gala Night over the summer to raise money. The group's goal was to raise funds for the American Red Cross.

Volunteer work also included going to St. Joseph's Carmelite Home in East Chicago to visit the children there.

Prabhneet took part in an event put together for the Carmelite children. The children went to Centennial Park where HUM members organized activities for them. Activities included games, yoga and water balloons.

"It was such a memorable experience," Prabhneet said. "And it was also a really great feeling to bring a smile to the children's faces."

HUM also hosted HUM Culture Night and HUM parties throughout the year, according to Prabhneet.

Prabhneet also took part in a HUM dance group. They represented HUM at the annual Diwali festival by dancing a traditional Indian dance.

"I'd have to say that the best part about being in HUM was that it introduced me to new people while helping others," Prabhneet said.

DANCING QUEEN
Practicing her routine, Prabhneet Girn, freshman, skips to the beat. Prabhneet rehearsed several times a week to prepare for the Diwali performance.

Raskirth Singh
James Slavo
Emma Slosser
Makayla Smith
Nicole Smith
Sarah Smolinski
Alexander Sotiropoulos
Megan Spence

Stephen Spence
Thomas Speranza
Kevin Spork
Collin Sroge
Clayton St Martin
Hunter Standley
Tyler Steapleton
Sasha Stepanovich

Luke Still
Lena Storino
Luke Strickland
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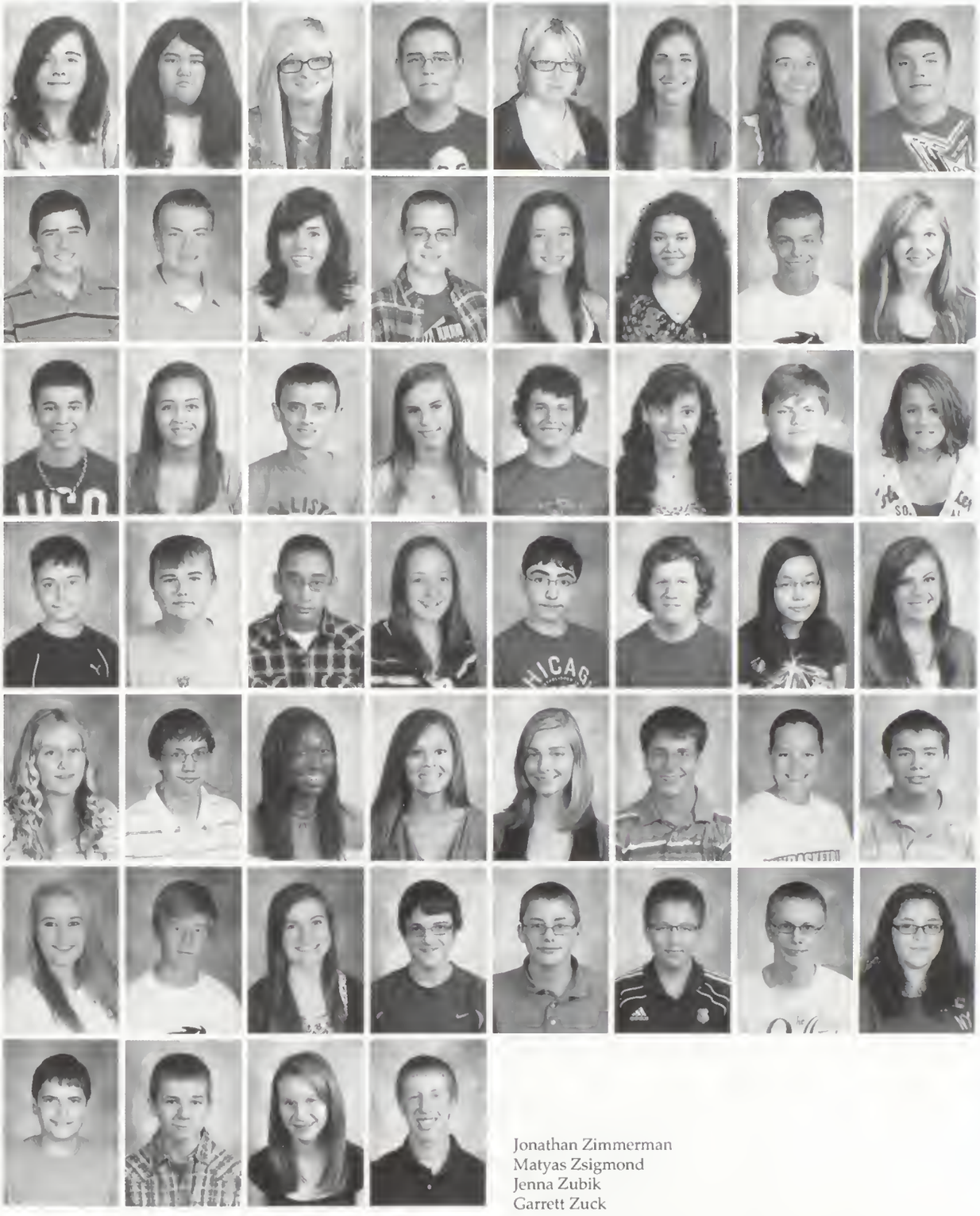

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Tricia Mae Tagamolila
Tess Talabay
Dakota Talley
Elizabeth Talley
Rachel Tarpo
Catherine Tavitas
Benjamin Taylor

Conor Taylor
Casey Terry
Alysia Thomas
Alec Thompson
Olivera Todorovic
Jazmine Torres
Patrick Toth
Martina Trivunovic

Stevan Trivunovic
Marisa Trull
Joshua Unruh
Gillian Urbaniak
Marcello Urbanowicz
Samantha Valencia
Caleb Valent
Sabrina Van Ek

Nenad Vasiljevic
Michael Velesovsky
Angelo Velez
Natalie Vellutini
David Vogel
Samuel Wagner
Kimberly Wang
Erica Warner

Kylie Warner
Seth Weston
Kellyn Whaley
Marlee Whaley
Emily Whitaker
Timothy Wiess
Megan Wilkens
Matt Williams

Taylor Winiecki
Alexander Wisniewski
Hannah Witting
Justin Woodward
Adam Wories
Kayetan Wozniak
Jacob Wright
Brenda Yepez

Jonathan Zimmerman
Matyas Zsigmond
Jenna Zubik
Garrett Zuck

Miss Jessica Barker: Math
Mrs. Kelly Barnes: English
Dr. Larry Brechner: Auditorium Director, Munster Theatre Company, Drama Director
Mrs. Donna Buck: Westlake Aide
Mr. Brian Clark: Dean

Mr. Kevin Clyne: English
Ms. Bonnie Corrigan
Mrs. Tammy Daugherty: English Dept. Chair, Debate Coach
Mr. Gary Davis: Physical Education, Lifesaving
Mr. John Doherty: Athletic Trainer

Mrs. Michelle Duffy: English, Girls' Cross Country Coach, Head Girls' Track Coach
Mr. Carl Fields: Art
Mrs. Carol Florence: Guidance Counselor
Mr. Donald Fortner: Economics, Social Studies Dept. Chair, Speech and Debate Coach
Mr. Dave Franklin: Science

Ms. Brandyn Fredericks:
Mrs. Audrey Fuhs: Spanish
Ms. Tanya Galloway: English
Mrs. Phyllis Gilworth: Guidance Director
Mr. Mike Gordon: Government, We the People

Mr. Jeff Graves: Chemistry
Ms. Jacqueline Guitierrez: Science
Mr. Mike Hackett: Health, Head Boys' Basketball Coach
Mr. Jeff Halter:
Mrs. Katie Harris: Math, Freshman Class sponsor

Mrs. Mary Hausier:
Ms. Kelly Haussman: Chemistry
Mr. Joshua Herold: History, Freshmen Football Coach
Mrs. Rebecca Hoyle: Journalism, Media Arts, Paragon, Crier, Quill and Scroll
Mr. Shawn Johnson: Dean

Mr. Bojan Jovanovic: Social Studies, JV Boys' Basketball Coach
Mr. Matt Kalwasinski: Social Studies, Freshmen Football Coach
Mrs. Anne Kinser: Auditorium Secretary
Mrs. Brook Lemon: English
Mrs. Linda Lemon: English

Mr. Kent Lewis: Business, DECA
Mrs. Elena Lopez: Art, Art Club
Mrs. Jennifer MacLeod:
Mr. Jean-Franklin Magrou: French, French Club
Ms. Rosie Malagon: Spanish, Spanish Club

STICKS AND STONES

For the past two years, Mrs. Malagon takes Escrima classes with her family

> "The two of us were super competitive, and sometimes, our instructor wouldn't let us fight each other because we're so rough on each other."
>
> - **MRS. ROSEMARY-MALAGON,** SPANISH TEACHER

FIGHTING MOVES
Taking position, Mrs. Rosemary Malagon, Spanish teacher, practices her Escrima moves. "We had to practice a sequence of moves over and over again," Mrs. Malagon said. "It took a lot of practice to memorize the whole thing and to get it right."

Almost two years of a martial art form called "escrima," Mrs. Rosemary Malagon, Spanish teacher, go a purple belt and a little friendly competition.

"My two kids do it, and so does my husband. We all had something in common that bonds us together," Mrs. Malagon said. "I started escrima, which is stick fighting, as a sort of extension to my Tae Kwan Do. I split my time between those two quite evenly."

All four of her family members started out in the same class, but Senora and her husband started fighting in a more advanced class than her kids.

"It was kind of funny because sometimes, my husband and I got to sparring partners," Mrs. Malagon said. "The two of us were super competitive, and sometimes, our instructor wouldn't let us fight each other because we're so rough on each other, and he always joked about how he didn't want my husband and me to get a divorce. It was always great to have a whole family in it because we always had a partner to practice with. Even though it was fighting, I think it made our relationship as a family stronger."

Mrs. Malagon placed as the only girl who fought in her class, but her small size shouldn't have fooled anyone, according to Mrs. Malagon.

"I was the only female in my group," Mrs. Malagon said. "There would be 200 pound guys who were six feet tall, and I could fight them. My instructors said it was because I had the aggressiveness for the sport."

Ms. Paula Malinski: Physical Education
Ms. Twila Marsh: Media Specialist, Student Government
Mrs. Margaret Matanic: English
Mr. Jordan Mayer: English, Speech Coach
Ms. Catherine Mazeikas: Science

Mrs. Teresa Needles: Westlake Special Education
Mrs. Lori Nicholas: Media Secretary
Mrs. Kyleen Nolan: Science, Girls' Basketball Coach, Student Government
Mrs. Maria Park
Mr. Glen Percifield: English, Debate Coach

STAYING ACTIVE

Inspired to keep in shape, Ms. Leigh Ann Westland, English teacher, leads a music-infused martial arts class

"By the end of class, I was sweating my butt off. It was a really effective program. It was a blast too."

- MS. LEIGH ANN WESTLAND, ENGLISH TEACHER

Dressed up in camouflage boxing shorts and a graphic t-shirt, that she would not normally wear, Mrs. Leigh Ann Westland, English teacher, makes her way into Omni for yet another launch of her Body Combat routines.

"We were very theatrical," Mrs. Westland said. "Each launch had a different theme that we (colleagues) dressed up for to bring people into the club."

Given different material to follow each month, Mrs. Westland didn't choreograph her own routines. Les Mills, the company that created the class, sent out new routines for the instructors to learn and teach to their students.

"It was really nice because I didn't have to do double plans for school and the class." Mrs. Westland said, "All it was memorizing the material they give me."

After attending some aerobics classes herself, Mrs. Westland questioned how to get gain certification as a instructor. Going away for a weekend to a workshop program, she learned the basics of teaching these types of classes. Once she passed an certification test, Mrs. Westland started teaching aerobics classes.

Mrs. Westland has taught multiple types of classes, such as Step Aerobics and Pilates, at Omni since 1995. She taught Body Combat classes there every Thursday night throught the year.

Considered a mixed martial arts class Body Combat consisted of boxing, karate, taekwondo, tai chi and muay thai, that was all put to music to make things more enjoyable, according to Mrs. Westland.

The class served as a group fitness class instead of a one-on-one personal training exercise.

"It was a great way to bring people together," Mrs. Westland said. "Anything that got people to exercise was a good thing."

Body Combat provided a cardio workout and also strengthens core muscles.

However, it also acted a way to have fun, according to Ms. Westland.

"The new trend wass all about the core," Mrs. Westland said, "By the end of class, I was sweating my butt off. It was a really effective program. It was a blast too."

This program improved heart and lung function along with tones and shapes key muscle groups, according to LesMills.com

"I wanted to be active until I was sixty," Mrs.Westland said. "This (Body Combat) was one way I hope to achieve this."

Not only did Body Combat have physical benefits, but it provided emotional effects as well, according to Mrs. Westland.

"I took my aggression of the day out at class." Mrs. Westland said, "I got to pretend to kick and punch. I always felt better after class."

RUNNING START

Ms. Westland takes part in various races for fun

races she has run

- *Indianapolis Mini-Marathon*
- *Chicago Marathon*
- *Chicago Half Marathon*

plans to run

- *Chicago Spring half marathonn*
- *Chicago Women's half marathon*

source: Ms. Leigh Ann Westland, English teacher

Mrs. Kim Peirick: Business, DECA
Mrs. Pat Premetz: Pre-Calculus, Math Dept. Chair
Mrs. Alyssa Rodriguez: Math
Mrs. Roxie Rugh:
Ms. Amanda Rynard: Spanish

Mrs. Judy Sayre:
Mrs. Melanie Sheeringa: Westlake Aide
Mrs. Georgia Sherman: Athletic Office Secretary
Mrs. Shonna Siegers: Earth Space, Academic Teams
Mr. Mike Smith: Athletic Director

Mr. Bob Snyder: Assistant Dean
Mr. Joseph Sokol: Math, Freshman Class sponsor
Mrs. Betsy Tanzillo: AV Aide
Mrs. Beth Thornburg: Math, Varsity Girls' Softball Coach, Junior Class sponsor
Mr. Steven Tripenfeldas: Principal

Mrs. Sarah Vacari: Science
Ms. Sharon Vail: Guidance Counselor
Mr. Dusan Vidovic: Math
Ms. Angela Wayne: Social Studies
Mr. Mike Wells: Assistant Principal

Ms. Leigh Ann Westland: English
Mr. Gregory Williams
Ms. Jennifer Wisser: Guidance
Mr. Bill Woods: Vocal Music Director, Musical Music Director
Mrs. Janet Wories: Volleyball Coach

Mr. Steve Wroblewski: Math, Computer Programming

ON FIRE

Because of class requirements and necessary school activities, students are pushed out of their elements and required to do unfamiliar activities like gym or art class.

Sitting down after a long day at school, Michael Han, junior, lays out his homework on his desk. In front of him lie piles of textbooks, notebooks, and worksheets that demand his attention for the rest of the night. Normally, Michael is accustomed to having a hold on his academic work, but when the planning for junior year classes come up, he decides to dive into an intensive schedule of Advanced Placement classes.

"Never in my life had I learned so much information in such a short amount of time," Michael said. "Then came the homework. I never imagined having to do so much in a single night."

Rigorous courses weren't the only classes that pushed students out of their comfort zones. Shriya Das, sophomore, decided to take Theater Arts class in order to "get used to talking in front of people without getting nervous." Theater Arts also provided one of two art credits needed to graduate. The acting class required students to perform monologues, mimes, and improvisations in front of an attentive audience.

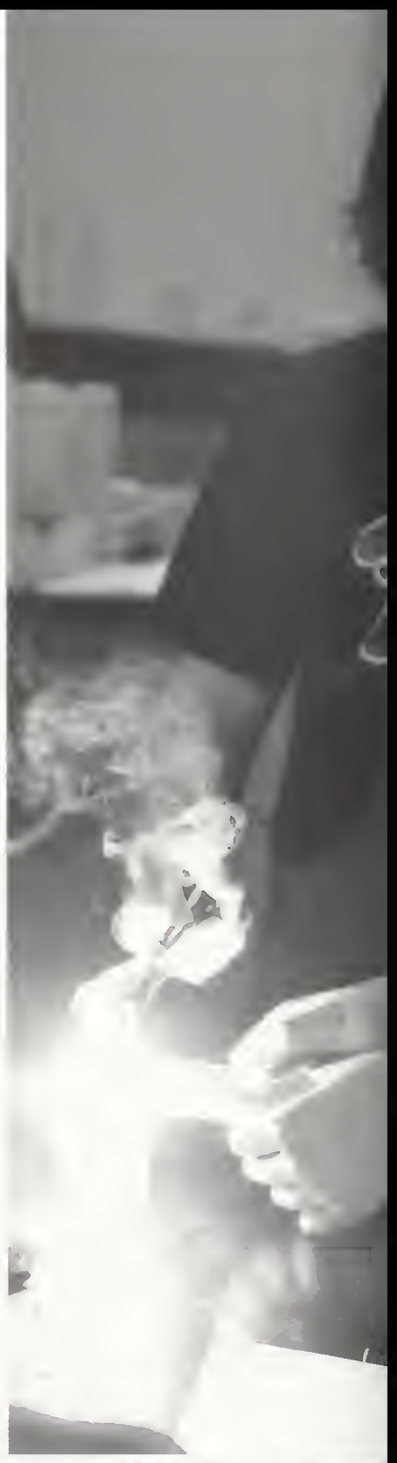
"The first time I had to act in front of everyone, I was so scared," Shriya said. "I thought I might even faint or pass out, but when I got up to talk, everyone was really nonjudgemental, so it wasn't so bad."

With the required gym credit for graduation, some people found themselves trapped in uncomfortable situations. A portion of students may enjoy activities like dodgeball, basketball, or weight training, but others were not partial to the experience, according to Britney Lee, freshman.

"Gym was okay for me," Britney said. "There is not any part of it that I particularly liked or disliked about it. It was just kind of there in my schedule."

Whether students dreaded or remained indifferent to different classes, they were exposed to new things that may have helped shape their high school experience, according to Michael. These classes would lead to experience they could use later in life.

"Although it was strenuous and time consuming, trying new things and challenging yourself only brought out positive effects in your life," Michael said. "Afterwards when you overcame the difficulties, you felt confident in yourself and what you were capable of. You felt empowered to do greater things, knowing that you were able to endure such difficult trials. Even though I went through a lot to keep up with classes, I knew with my current grades that challenging myself was one of the best decisions I had ever made. It was worth every ounce of energy and sweat I had put into it."



PLAYING WITH FIRE
As he lowers a magnesium strip into a container of pure oxygen, sophomores Flynn LeMonnier and his partner Chris Anguiano set off a bright glow. Memorization of lab procedures proved difficult for some students. "Doing the labs just right and not messing up was probably the hardest part of chemistry," Flynn said.

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?
In front of their class, Sarah Kinser, senior, and Marcus Prado, junior, sign lyrics for American Sign Language. "I hardest part of ASL was trying not to have too much fun," Marcus said.

SOLO ACT
While Mr. William Woods, music teacher, assesses him, Leon Zajac, sophomore, plays a scale for Electronic Keyboarding. "I liked the solos the least because I always felt I needed more time to practice," Leon said.

WORK OF ART
With her artwork positioned on the stand, Elizabeth Beckman, sophomore, works on a project for Ceramics class. Elizabeth came up with the idea to make a white Angry Bird character. "For me, the most difficult part of Ceramics was trying to come up with a good idea," Elizabeth said.

TAKE MEASURE
In the middle of a physics lab, Risa Christopher, junior, follows a lab procedure. The procedures made the class much easier to follow, according to Risa. "Calculations could be hard, but Mr. Koszut (physics teacher) set them up to make everything a breeze," Risa said.

MURDER MYSTERY
Surrounding a "dead body", Drake Bowers, junior, and his fellow classmates investigate the cause of death in Biomedical Science. "Being a junior, I had some knowledge of chemistry before I took the class so it made things more comfortable," Drake said.

CROSS CHECK
Sitting with her co-writers, Cassie Eberle, sophomore, discusses a story for *Crier*. "In newspaper, you really had to be a social butterfly and not be embarrassed to walk up to a random person and ask them a really personal question. Doing this exposed me to a lot of different people," Cassie said.

TESTING SOME LIMITS

Students share what part of school pushed them past their boundaries

"Algebra always took me out of my comfort zone. It was really hard and time consuming. I never expected to have to do so much work all at once."

-LORISSA PORTILLO, freshman

"The first tests of the year in my classes were always hard to adjust to. I tried to study a lot before the test and see my teachers during contact time."

-ROGER JACHNA, sophomore

"Considering I had changed schools each year, Munster was the most unique. It was like a different breed here. At my other schools, everything was easier overall. Here, nothing was easy, but I matured and changed a lot because of it."

-PATRICK STAPINSKI, junior

CALCULATION CONFUSION
Together with her lab partner, seniors Melissa Hajduch works out a problem with Michelle Higgins for Genetics class. "I hated doing the calculations because if you made one mistake, you had to start all over again," Melissa said.

IN FOCUS

Trading pencil and paper for a screen and a keyboard, students found new methods to learn, study and communicate with their Dell laptops

As Sammi Koufos, sophomore, waits for first hour to begin, she opens up her laptop to check her grades. She notices her sixth hour teacher accidentally marked her homework grade incorrectly.

Within seconds she types up and sends an email to her teacher asking about the grade. Hours before she even reaches her sixth hour class, the teacher already fixes the mistake.

Equipped with laptops, students' communication with peers, teachers and administrators improved significantly and allowed for new ways of collaboration, according to Sammi.

"It was a lot easier to contact people," Sammi said. "Things were able to get done with more speed than before."

Finding typing much easier than writing, Marko Lekic, sophomore, used his laptop frequently in his physics class. He found that he could complete assignments with more speed when typing rather than using pen and paper.

"In my physics class, we used the laptops all the time," Marko said. "We used them to collect data, turn in lab reports and we emailed Mr. Koszut questions. He took his iPad every where so he helped us out really quickly."

New programs also aided students when at home, according to Marko, who used MathXL to help him work through math problems.

"You could have immediate help in solving problems with Math XL," Marko said. "It helped you work through problems step-by-step. You didn't have to wait until the next day to get help."

However, some students, such as Zaria Suggs, sophomore, preferred pencil and paper rather than the laptop keyboards.

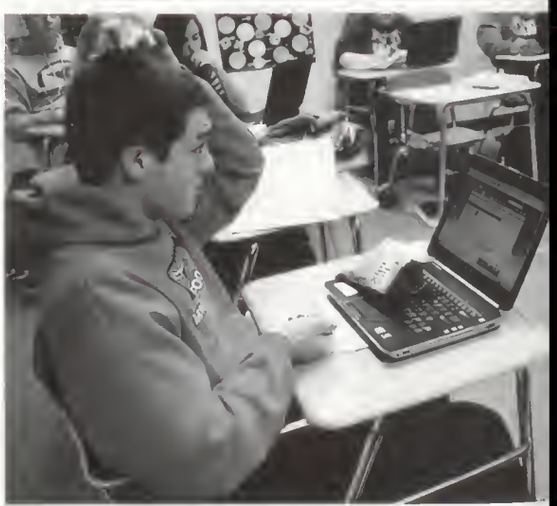
"I liked the textbooks more because I was more of a kinetic learner, so I liked to be able to touch the book and see it," Zaria said.

Since only math and science departments had e-textbooks, students still had to lug around textbooks along with their laptops.

"I didn't like carrying them," Sammi said. "I still used the case. We still had to carry some books and notebooks for other classes so all of it was really heavy."

Additionally, internet filters constantly provided problems for students researching for projects, according to Jessica Dickenson, senior.

"Every time I would go to look something up for school, something was blocked" Jessica said. "Even stuff that wasn't social networks got blocked. It just made things hard."

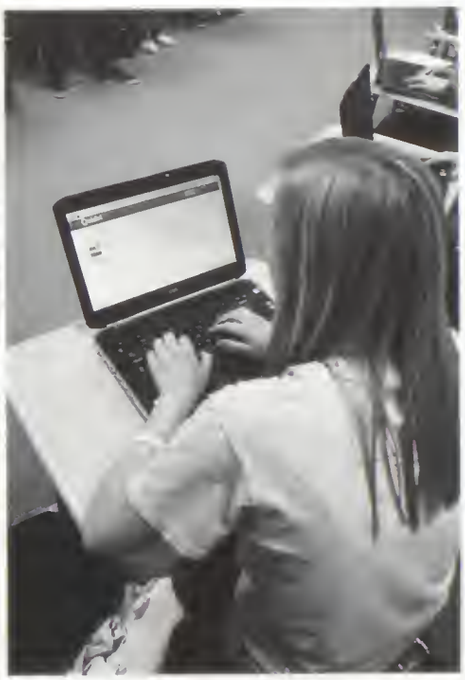


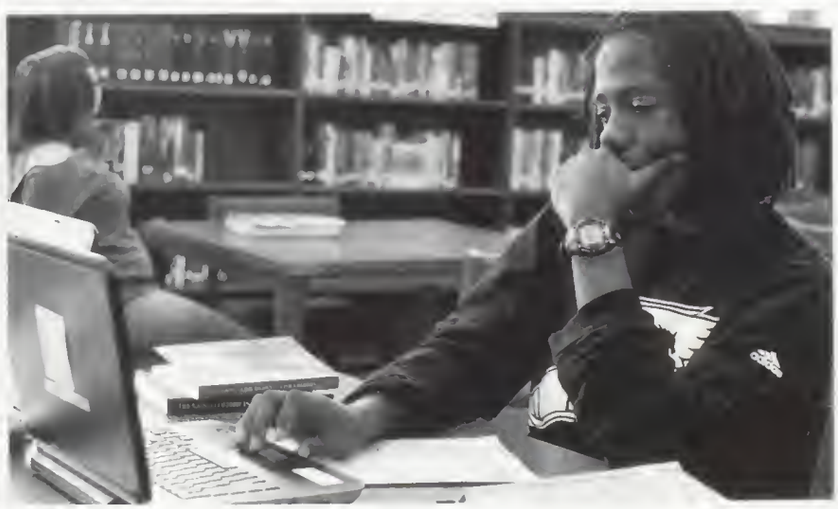
TAKING A LOOK
While sharing headphones, Luke Hilbrich, senior, and Michael Jurkash, sophomore, solve problems during Algebra 2. "I paid attention less with the laptops," Michael said. "I liked it because I could take advantage of the laptops. For learning though, it was not that great because it was distracting."

PLUGGED IN
Reading through passages on her laptop, Erin McHale, senior, works with classmates in sixth hour. "Our teacher saved a lot of trees," Erin said. "She put almost everything on a PDF and that made taking notes easy. We used laptops every day in class."

FILING IN
Through trial and error, seniors Melissa Strohl and Morgan Stahl attempt to play a song on their laptop for a project. "I thought that the laptops helped me get more technologically advanced," Melissa said. "I had never learned so much about computers until this year."

STUDY SESSION
Logged onto quizlet.com, Bridget Anderson, junior, studies for a Spanish quiz. "It helped us save trees, and it made studying it easier and more convenient," Bridget said. I did well on all my quizes because of quizlet."





QUICK FIX
Munching on Chex Mix during Study Hall, Zach Cherogan, junior, hides his snack behind his laptop screen. "I hid my food so my teacher wouldn't see I was eating," Zach said. "Other than that, I didn't like the laptops because everything was blocked."

JOT IT DOWN
Working in the Media Center, Elena Piech, freshman, finishes an assignment for her journalism class.

LOST IN THOUGHT
Deep in concentration, William Greenlaw, junior, researches for his We the People speech. "Without the laptops, We the People would have been be virtually impossible," William said. "They maximized our research efficiency."

ENGINE POWER

With the searching capabilities of Google at students' finger tips every second of the school day, Google announced the top ten most searched events of 2011

ON A SEARCH
Using Google.com, Mary Katherine Van Simpa, senior, looks information up on her laptop. "The laptops allowed us to work on essays during class instead of having to wait until we got home," Mary Katherine said.

1. Rebecca Black
2. Google +
3. Ryan Dunn
4. Casey Anthony
5. Battlefield 3
6. iPhone 5
7. Adele
8. Fukushima I Nuclear Plant
9. Steve Jobs
10. iPad

Source: Google.com

GAME ON

Students face distractions and procrastinate with laptops and friends, struggling to break the habit in order to complete work on time and with success

Glancing up at the clock, Hannah Villaroman, junior, wakes up from a glorious nap. Suddenly she realizes that her ten-minute nap turned into an hour. With piles of homework and study materials awaiting her, she sluggishly moves toward her backpack, preparing for a long night ahead.

"I didn't sleep much," Hannah said. "I knew I'd eventually get it done. If I didn't, I just did it during class."

The habit of procrastination could be started in numerous ways. When Devin Zuck, junior, realized he could finish work before school and in study hall, he found it difficult to motivate himself to do homework at home. Procrastination plagued the student body, according to Ally Goodrich, sophomore.

"We were all so tired and bored from the school day that we would do almost anything to just blow it off," Ally said, "especially at the end of the year."

Procrastination didn't only mean saving homework for the day it was due; many other forms existed. Instead of putting everything off for the next day, some students put certain classes before others.

"It was really hard to keep up in AP US History without reading, so that was a priority," Devin said. "AP Chem and AP Lit were next on the list. Precalc and AP Stats were almost always last because they almost never collected anything."

With the addition of laptops in the school curriculum, students had a tool of distraction at their fingertips: the Internet. Although Facebook and other social networking sites were not accessible on school computers, students had the freedom to surf the Internet at home without any problems. The laptops allowed students to procrastinate more than previous years, according to Paul DeRolf, sophomore.

"It was because some kids were able to get YouTube and all the blocked sites at home when they didn't have them at school," Paul said. "It was just a big waste of time when you got home and jumped on your laptop to waste time."

However, when it came to working in groups, procrastination took a halt, and students worked harder to get things done for the betterment of the group, according to Viharika Peddi, senior.

Although procrastination took a toll on students, they could shake the habit with success, when necessary.

WORK HARD, PLAY HARD
Playing a game on his laptop, Alex Sikora, junior, sits in his study hall classroom. Although the laptops offered many forms of distraction, some thought differently. "I think it worked opposite," Alex said. "You could play your games once you were done working." However, work did not come before play in March, according to Alex. "They were really cool to watch tournament games," Alex said.

BULKMATIC
After missing school for DECA State, Nick Laszlo, senior, gives his 30-minute Bulkmatic presentation for AP Composition. "We waited too long to do the bulk of the work," Nick said. "I had to work non-stop the week before it was due, and it was a huge amount of stress."

EARLY MORNING WORK
Because of a busy after-school schedule, Hailey Estes, junior, rushes to finish her homework before the first hour bell rings. Students had the ability to see teachers and ask questions if needed. However, many used the 20 minutes to finish work from the night before or study for an upcoming test.

WRESTLE MANIA
During study hall, juniors Kevin O'Brien and Mitch Leslie participate in an arm wrestling match instead of doing homework. "Well, I was just being lazy," Kevin said. "There were a lot of different things because of the laptops, and you could get distracted way easier."

TOUCH UPS
Carefully applying mascara, Abby Bednarowski, sophomore, does her make up early on Thursday morning. "I didn't do my make up at home because I didn't have time," Abby said. "I never went to go see my teachers even though I should have."

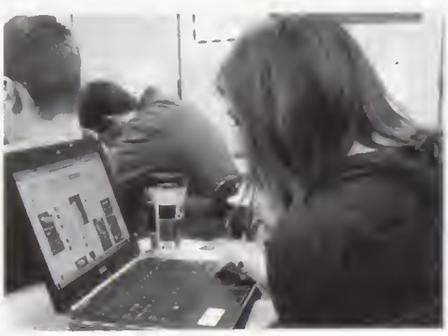
YU-GI-OH!
Contemplating what his strategy will be, juniors Austin Melder and Noah Villaroman plays Yu-Gi-Oh cards in study hall. "We played Yu-Gi-Oh! during study hall mostly because our teacher allowed us," Austin said. "If we had important homework to get done we would work on that so we didn't always procrastinate."

NAP TIME
Head down, Ashlie Angotti, junior, tries to get some sleep during study hall. "I slept in class all the time," Ashlie said. "I worked, and I stayed up late finishing homework. The laptops were a drag while trying to work late at night, so if I did homework after work, I didn't get to finish it."

LAUGH IT OFF
As they pause for a laugh, juniors Alex Crowe and Scott Shaner work in a group in Honors English 11. "I procrastinated more in a group because when you were in a group, you didn't really feel as obligated to get anything done," Alex said. "I learned from Coach K that that was the diffusion of responsibility."

WEAPONS OF MASS DISTRACTION

Students procrastinate with the help of technology and the Internet



- Facebook
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PINTERESTED
Scrolling through boards, Maggie Szakacs, junior, spends time on Pinterest.com. "It caught my eye because it had pictures from all of the subjects I wasinterested in," Maggie said. "I was definitely on the site more than I was seen doing homework at school."

Source: Ally Goodrich, sophomore; Maggie Szakacs, junior

STUDY UP

Students study prep books, enroll in classes and get enough sleep to prepare for taking standardized tests such as the ACT and SAT

The room is silent as Asia Benson, junior, reads each test question. Carefully choosing her answers, she fills in the bubble heavy and dark. Asia keeps a steady watch on the clock to keep track of time as she works through each section of the test.

From freshmen with the End of Course Assessments (ECA's), sophomores with the PSAT and juniors and seniors with the ACT and SAT, students of all grades had to take standardized tests.

Students prepared for these tests in many ways. Some chose to enroll in ACT or SAT Prep classes, and some students chose to study with prep books. These books provided a helpful way to study, according to Asia.

"Studying from a prep book really helped me," Asia said. "They had a lot of little tips and things to refresh your memory. They also showed you easier ways to do things."

In addition to studying, students also prepared for tests by getting a good night's sleep and eating a nutritious breakfast. This helped them focus on the questions, instead of an empty stomach, according to Josh Shalen, sophomore.

"Not having to think about how tired or hungry, I was let me focus on the task at hand and do better," Josh said. "I usually tried to get eight hours of sleep and eat a good breakfast like, scrambled eggs, a bagel and milk."

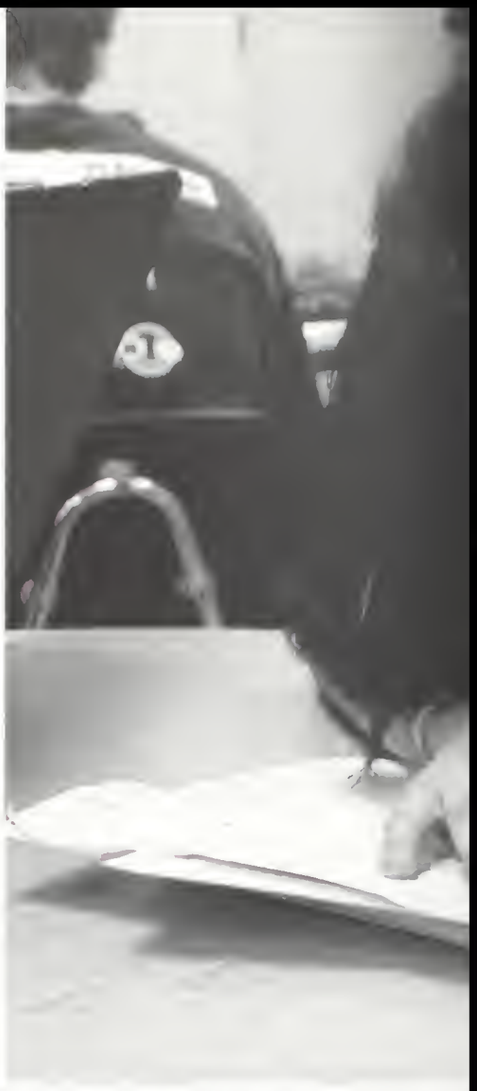
However, even with preparation, test taking nerves still set in.

"It depended on how long the test was and how much it was worth, but usually I got nervous," Bridget Anderson, junior, said. "Before the test, I tried to have positive, motivational thoughts to stop my nerves and during, if I got overwhelmed, I usually took deep breaths and tried to relax."

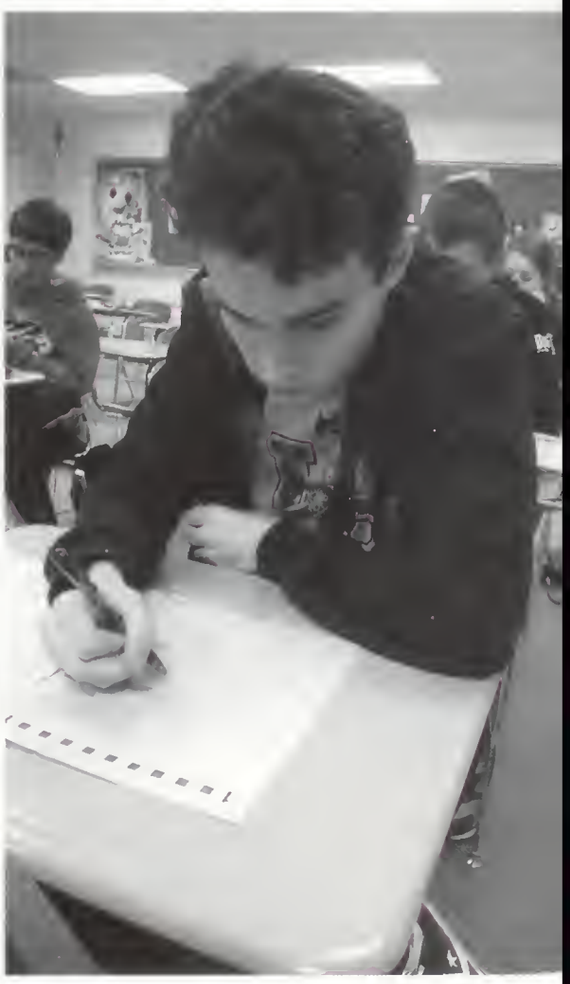
Along with the ACT and SAT, students taking AP classes also prepared for AP exams.

"We had AP style questions for homework and we also worked in our AP workbook during class," Megan Sellberg, junior, said. "We also studied literary terms so we could understand what the questions were asking."

From studying in workbooks to getting enough sleep, students prepared for tests in many ways.



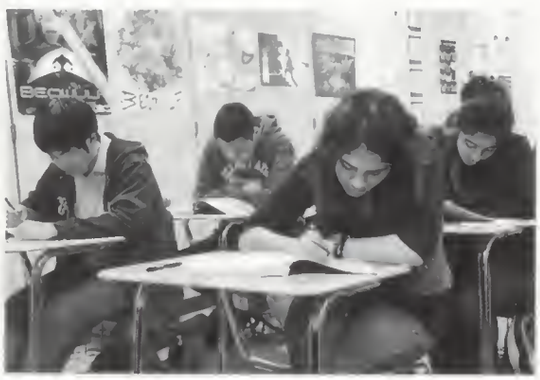
FLASH REVIEW
Before a test, Trisha Madura, junior, quizzes herself with flash cards to study. "Flash cards helped me do a quick review before tests, which was an easier way to study than rereading the section," Trisha said.



WORK IT OUT
Working on an ACT review, Tom Vanko, junior, concentrates on his workbook during an ACT prep class. "We went over test preparation techniques and went over questions from the previous ACT," Tom said. "We also reviewed key concepts for each test and took a practice test to see where our scores stood."

STUDY TIME
Focused on her work, Parin Patel, junior, studies for an upcoming test. "Study guides were extremely helpful because they helped students get a rough understanding of topics that would be on the test," Parin said. "They were also a great way to review."

FILL IT IN
Pencil in hand, Christine Matthews, senior, works on a Scantron test. "Usually when I studied for tests, I just reread my notes and looked over any worksheets or handouts that were given to the class," Christine said. "When I took Scantron tests, I usually eliminated the choices that didn't make sense, and if I really didn't know the answer, I would choose the one that seemed the best."



TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

Students share tips for taking standardized tests

RIGHT TIMING
Eyes fixed on her AP Literature and Composition workbook, Ameera Minhas, junior, works on answering practice questions to get used to timing for the real AP test. "The practice AP questions and passages were similar to what was on the exam and were the best way to prepare," Ameera said.

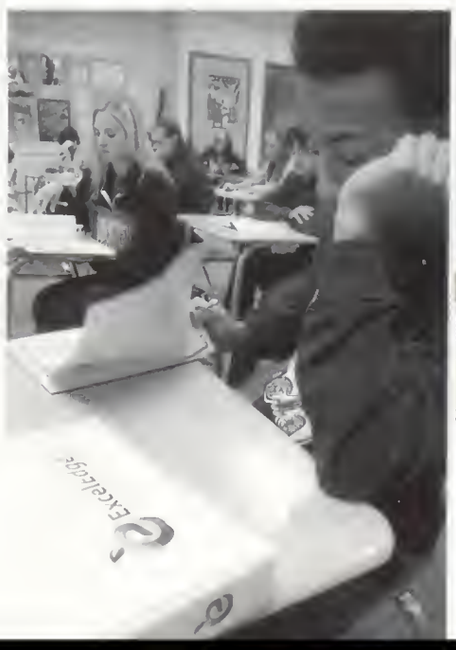
"BEFORE THE TEST
I went through a lot of prep books like the ones from Princeton Review to study. Also, I tried not to cram the night before because that wouldn't help at all."
-JESSICA BHAVSAR, JUNIOR

"DURING THE TEST
I tried to briefly scan the test, and answer the harder questions first if they looked like they wouldn't take too long. Then, I would fill in the rest. Also, I'd try to keep an eye on the clock and relax."
-LUIS DOMINGUEZ, SOPHOMORE

PREPARATION CLASSES

Students enrollin prep classes to ready themsleves for the ACT

Flipping through the pages of his ACT practice book, Zach Suggs, junior, reviews his test. "This was our last ACT class before the test, so we were reviewing our practice test results to review for the actual test," Zach said. "Classes were a tiring two hours, but I definitely think I benefitted from it." **In sweat pants and a hoodie,** Ashley Frasco, junior, sits cross legged in her seat while working on ACT practice questions. "In the class we talked about dressing comfortably, getting rest and eating something healthy before the test."**Hand raised in the air,** Ashley Wenzel, junior, waits to be called on to ask a question. "To do well on the ACT you really had to be prepared and know what the test was going to be like," Ashley said. "To prepare for the test, I tried to treat every practice test we took in class as the real thing so I could be prepared for the real one."



"A" GAME

With the stress of clubs, schoolwork, and activities outside of school, students feel pressure to bring their "A" games during "on" weeks and find themselves recovering during "off" weeks

Regardless of the scheduled five days of school, Krishna Hegde, senior, only attended class for two of them. DECA State took place over Monday and Tuesday. In addition to that, Krishna had to reserve all of Thursday for the 40 page Bulkmatic paper and presentation for AP Language and Composition.

"We had to do a lot of work in a short amount of time, and we had to coordinate the group together," Krishna said. "Almost all of my group was at DECA that week, so when we came back, we had a ton of work to get done for that Thursday. I had so much make up work from DECA in addition to finishing Bulkmatic. Wednesday night we all had to pull an all-nighter."

With the Bulkmatic worth almost half of their quarter grade, having an "off week" wasn't an option for Krishna and the other seniors in AP Language and Composition. The students who procrastinated until the last night had a harder time, but others benefitted pacing their work, according to Natalie Vick, senior.

"Everyone in my group wanted to stay on top of things," Natalie said. "None of us wanted to let the group down, and we were just able to feed off of each other and stay motivated to finish our work."

Even with hours of homework a night, students like Andrew Alvarez, junior, found ways to complete all of their assignments.

"I put little deadlines on myself," Andrew said. "I would tell myself that I would finish one assignment by a certain hour and then let myself take a short break and then I just repeated the process until all of my work was done."

Balancing Advanced Environmental Science (Project Bio) along with Tennis practice and all of her other classes, Paulina Kawalec, sophomore, also found difficulty finishing her work.

"My hardest week of the year was the week before spring break," Paulina said. "We left for Florida for Project Bio three days before break actually started, so I had three math tests to make up in addition to a bunch of other quizzes, but since I had Project Bio for zero hour, I had to make all of them up during contact time, study hall and after school for three days in a row. That made me late for tennis practice after school. It was almost impossible to balance!"

No matter how big the homework load, makeup tests, or how many extracurricular activities, students found ways to finish their homework and fulfill their commitments.

MONOPOLY MONEY
Mind on the game and on her money, Salony Digamber, junior, plays Monopoly in AP U.S. History. "It was to understand the economy during the Industrial Revolution," Salony said. "It took a few days, so it was an easy week in that class."

DRAW SOMETHING
Pencil in hand, Nayelly Garcia, sophomore, draws a picture of hallway in Introduction to 2D Art. Having a fun activity to do in one of her classes served as a break during a schedule of difficult classes.

HANGING OUT
Wrapped in a blanket, Joaquin Villarreal, senior, pays attention in Creative Writing. "Creative Writing was such a laid-back class, so every Friday we had 'Snuggie Friday,'" Joaquin said.

STRESSED FROM SPEECH
Even though it was a school night, Zaria Suggs, sophomore, finds a way to perform her speech at the Districts Performance Night. "It wasn't that bad," Zaria said. "I knew I had to go to that later, so I got most of it done beforehand, and I didn't have that much do do when I got home."

PILLOW PRESENTS
A brand new Pillow Pet in hand, Christiann Tavitas, senior, celebrates Secret Santa during the last week of school before break.. "It was cute. I named him Guadalupe, Lupe for short," Christiann said. "Kyle (Burczak, senior) gave me the best presents."

EGG DROPPED
Ready to drop his parachute, Kyle Erminger, junior, prepares for the Egg Drop project in Earth Space. "That was the biggest project we had, so we all had to devote a lot of time to it," Kyle said.

NAP TIME
Head on her backpack before the bell rings, Erin Dolan, junior, takes a quick nap. "Studying really late and waking up early made me really tired all the time," Erin said. "It was hard especially when I had a bunch of tests on the same day."

JUST HAVING AN OFF WEEK

Although students fought through bad days, some found it difficult to fight through a full week of stress

- the week before midterms
- the week before finals
- the week of DECA State
- the week of We the People Nationals

source: AJ Gauthier, junior

STRUM IT

Side by side, students gather around to listen to Nick King, junior, play his guitar during class. "I really appreciated things like that because they kept school entertaining and it revealed certain talents that certain people had," Trace McCarthy, junior, said. "It was pretty amazing to know some of the things your peers could do."

ALL SMILES

Right as she is about to walk out of the restroom, Casey Gouwens, sophomore, finds a special message on the mirror. "I thought it was really cool because I wasn't expecting to see that," Casey said. "For some reason, after I saw it, I just felt more confident and it seemed like every girl that walked out of that bathroom had a smile on their face."

CARD HOLDER

Set and ready to get the game going, Nick Armour, senior, sits in the cafeteria with UNO cards in hand. "Being in a club gave me a break from the daily activities of school," Nick said. "At the same time though, it was an enjoyable experience."

TAKE A LOOK

Rushing from one class to the next, girls lug purses around with them filled with essential items to help them get through the day

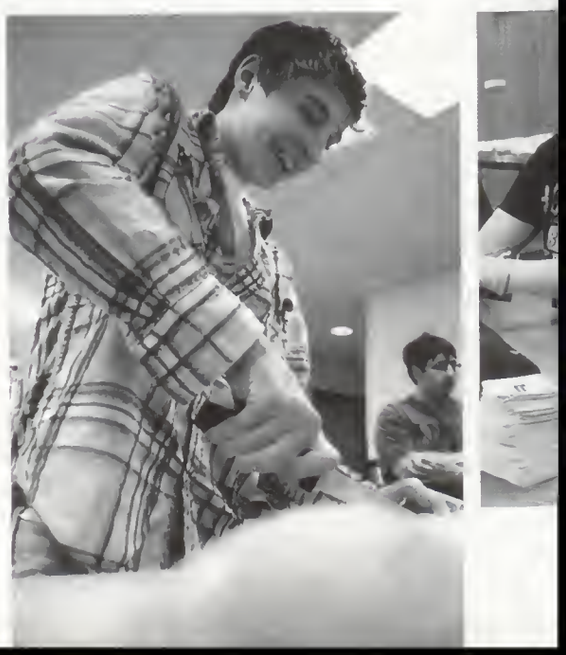
Megan's floral purse

- wallet
- phone
- chapstick
- lip gloss
- contact solution
- cough drops
- brush
- mirror

source: Megan O'Brien, sophomore

SWITCH IT UP

As she looks through her multi- colored purse, Megan O'Brien, sophomore, decides it is time for a change. "I usually liked to change my purse every month or so just so I could switch things up," Megan said.



PLAY TIME

After following the same routine day to day, students found ways to keep themselves entertained throughout their daily schedule

Every morning as she walks into the commons, Emily Anderson, sophomore, brings breakfast along with her if she does not have enough time to eat at home. Breakfast is essential in order to help her get through the day, according to Emily.

"I usually tried eating breakfast at home, but if I didn't have enough time I usually brought in a Special K bar and some snacks like Goldfish," Emily said. "I usually always had snacks with me because I always got hungry by third period."

For most students, following the same routine for 186 days could prove to be boring, according to Rachel Markowitz, sophomore. Anything that was out of the ordinary helped make the day a bit more exciting, according to Rachel.

"An example would be when I had a lab during chemistry class," Rachel said. "Not necessarily saying the labs were interesting, but it just changed things up; plus my lab partner was one of my best friends so it was always a good time."

For Darius Flores, senior, lunch time was the prime time of his school day. During lunch, students were able to socialize with friends and get away from the class environment.

"My favorite time of the day was lunch because it gave me time away from my classes and I could talk with my friends," Darius said. "At that point, I knew there were only three more classes left until the end of the school day."

While some students looked forward to the the bell at the end of the day, Katie Gajewski, junior, was quite the opposite. She enjoyed walking in to her first period of the day which was band.

"Band and choir were two of the classes that helped me forget about all of my stress," Katie said. "I was happy and excited to do all the hard work that they required; I didn't have to do impossible math or read books, I just got to make music with my peers."

Whether students were in the classroom or at lunch socializing with friends, they found that it was the little things that helped them push through the long and weary days.

BITTERSWEET
After completing a lab in Botany class, Amelia Wories, senior, bites into a sour lemon. "Doing labs made class interesting because it helped me remember the material better instead of taking notes followed by a test, which got boring really fast," Amelia said.

CUT IT OUT
As he prepares for a snack in German class, Spencer Boerman, sophomore, cuts into a loaf of bread. "I liked the class because it was my last period and Mrs. Meier did a good job at keeping us contained for the last 55 minutes of the day," Spencer said. "It was a nice class to end the day with."

BRAIN FOOD
Next in line, Aaron Handler, junior, cuts out a piece of cake during class. "Food could be very entertaining," Aaron said. "It gets my brain pumping during class."

CHRISTMAS CHEER
As he dumps out the shredded paper onto the desk, Kyle Burczak, senior, looks for the clue to lead him to his gift. "It made the day more exciting,"Kyle said. "I was always anticipating what kind of surprise I was going to get."

AS ONE

The chattering sound of 32 students typing vigorously on their laptops echoes in your AP Literature and Composition class, replacing the scribbling noise of pencils or pens. Upgrading to a whole new level of technology, you strolled the halls with both burdens of a backpack and a laptop case. Taking notes, completing quizzes, and almost all aspects of academics became computerized.

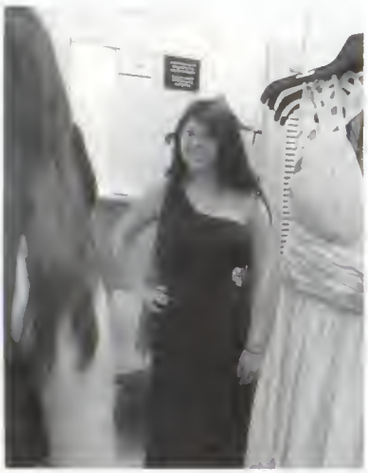
Constantly clicking refresh on your PowerSchool page, you expected immediate results and awaited your final Spanish exam grade. With the deadly combination of swimming and several club commitments such as DECA, you hoped your grades weren't suffering. Outside of school, you kept yourself busy by spending entire Saturdays at Speech meets and still tried to have a social life by making time for quick trips to FroYo or the new Panera Bread. On week days, you balanced track practice after school with 57 Algebra problems, three chapters of A Separate Peace and a Physics quiz.

Individually, you worked on all your assignments, but sometimes you learned it was better to study in a group. Similarly, you swam alone and competed with clubs in solo events; however, you represented your team, the Seahorses, and earned points for the entire Speech Team. Working as one had two different meanings. From earning a grade for a group project to receiving your final course grade, you worked AS ONE

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES In the middle of a conga line, seniors Kate Lasser, Jackie Malayter, Lucas Gonzalez and Scott Jerge enjoy their time at the Homecoming Dance. "The Homecoming dance was a great time for us seniors," Lucas said. "We had a huge group, and we all just went crazy for our last Homecming. Everyone came together and made the night count." Outside of school, students spent time together, making new relationships with people and maintaining old friendships simultaneously. **HIGH FIVE** Celebrating a point against Highland, Doug Yokovich, junior, and Demetrios Georgalas, sophomore, congratulate each other on the teamwork. "We worked really well together," Demetrios said. "We knew how each one of us played, and we knew where we were on the field during the game." In order to be a successful group, any sports team had to cooperate and work towards the same goal. Each individual member contributed their skills and combined them to create a competitive team.

SQUEEZE THE ORANGE After "peeling the banana" in the student section, seniors Kiki Karabatak, Elle Panas, Jillian Homans, Danielle Koultourides, and Erin McHale chant along at the Mustangs at the Boys' Basketball game against Lake Central. "The school definitely came together at big games," Danielle said. "The atmosphere helped unite us. Either we won together or we lost together. The chants also got the crowd going. When we knew the words to some of the cheers, even just chanting, we got really intense because we cared a lot. The Superfan section was where everyone's differences went away. Munster fan section: that was who we were." **PUB LIFE** Working together on the Pargon staff, seniors Parina Maniar and Kyle Burczak search for pictures. "We had fun together even when we had to do things like search through thousands of photos," Kyle said. "We were all really close friends, and it made working together effortless." The Yearbook Staff spent sixth hour together, worked after school, and even met up on weekends. The co-curricular activity demanded that the staff act as one unit.

BREAK THE ICE
Scraping the ice off his window, Kale Wilk, senior, braves the cold as he leaves the parking lot on the last day of school before winter break. "My windows were absolutely caked with ice," Kale said. "My hands felt terrible and I had to be outside in the blistering cold. Also, I unfortunately did not bring gloves that day. So, my hands felt awful when I returned to the warmth of my vehicle."



THE RIGHT FIT
Looking into the mirror, Maggie Perino, junior, tries on a prom dress at Carson's in Southlake Mall. "I was going to go to prom, so when my friend and I were at the mall, we decided to go try on dresses to see if we could find one," Maggie said.

TOUR TIME
On a campus tour during spring break, Erin Chant, junior, learns about the interior design department at Indiana University. "He was showing me some students' work," Erin said. "Along with IU, I also visited Michigan State and Purdue. They were all really great and had informative tours. Out of all of them, Purdue was my favorite."

BREAKTIME

Students share their favorite breaks from school

"I liked spring break because it was warm out and I got to enjoy the weather. I went to California over spring break and it was a lot of fun. I helped my uncle look for a new house."
-JAKE COMANSE, FRESHMAN

"My favorite break was winter break. It was two weeks long, so I was able to spend a lot of time with family and friends. And then, of course, there was Christmas. My church also did a retreat which was fun."
-JULIA ESKANDER, SOPHOMORE

CAPTURING THE MEMORY
About to snap a photo of the 9/11 memorial, Jessica Cieslak, senior, concentrates on her camera. "The memorial was beautiful to see during spring break, but it was eerie," Jessica said. "I didn't personally know anyone in the event, but I felt a close connection to those around me. I held back tears throughout the entire visit. It was definitely something everyone should see at some point in their life."

DOWN TIME
Cat beside her, Rachel Goode, senior, relaxes during break. "I loved taking the time to relax and hang out with friends," Rachel said. "I just loved the slow pace as opposed to everything being so stressful and back-to-back during school."

BREAK THE ROUTINE

Students take advantage of breaks from school and spend their time off doing things they enjoy

Keeping watch on the clock, Paige Puplava, sophomore, waits in anticipation for the bell to ring during sixth hour on the last day before spring break. Paige, along with many other students, anxiously awaits for school to let out and break to begin.

"Breaks gave students the opportunity to do things they wanted to do like, traveling, visiting family and even sleeping in," Paige said. "It gave people a break from the stress of school."

While some students had vacations and other activities planned, other students stayed at home and relaxed during the time off.

"I didn't go anywhere for spring break, but I still enjoyed it for the most part," Cody Gryzbowski, sophomore, said. "I was able to spend time with my friends and play basketball."

Katie Muczynski, freshman, however, went to Washington over spring break. Katie took this time to visit family members.

"It was nice to have a short break off of school to see my brother and sister," Katie said. "It was also nice to catch up on sleep and just relax."

Students also went on academic related expeditions during breaks from school. Some of these academic outings included a Project Bio trip to the Florida Keys and college visits by students.

"During Spring break, I went on college visits at Purdue, Ball State and Indiana University," Delilah Owens, junior, said. "Going during spring break was the most convenient time to go. I didn't have to take off school and was able to see more colleges without feeling rushed."

Students enrolled in Project Bio took a trip to the Florida Keys for a part of the class. There, they put to use the scuba diving skills they had learned in class, visited a turtle hospital, and went to Disney World.

"The trip was an amazing experience," Philip Arteaga, senior, said. "The best parts of the trip were the scuba diving and snorkeling."

Whether visiting family in Washington or scuba diving in the Atlantic Ocean, breaks gave students the opportunity to get away from school and do something they enjoyed.

MONKEY BUSINESS
With a smile on her face, Ally Milne, freshman, is carefully handed a monkey. "People were walking up and down the beach with animals asking if you wanted to take a picture with them," Ally said. "My friend took one first and then she got me to do it, too."

HORSE PLAY
Hand extended outward, Vanessa Fonseca, sophomore, feeds her cousin's horses during spring break. "I liked feeding and spending time with the horses," Vanessa said. "When I was there, we also had a bonfire. It was a lot of fun."

GOOD EATS
With a salad from Panera Bread instead of cafeteria food, junior Ashley Suda and Jill Rademacher enjoy the change in menu. "I had Panera because my friend Jill Rademacher's (junior) mom dropped it off," Ashley said. "I liked Panera for lunch because the food there was quality, and it was nice to have it for a change at school."

BAGEL BITES
Biting into her bagel, Taylor Watrobka, senior, eats in the Food Court during D Lunch. Since Taylor had Foods Class right before lunch, some times she just had a quick snack instead of a whole meal.

CALORIECOUNT

The Food Court lists nutrition facts

220 Chicken Rings	210 Mini Corn Dogs
210 Bosco Sticks	270 Ravioli
270 Pizza Wedge	180 Chicken Tenders
390 Little Charlie Pizza	340 Cheese Quesadilla
	290 Grilled Chicken

source: Foods Service Office Information

HEALTHY LIVING
About to add some salad dressing, Hannah White, junior, goes through the routine Thursday salad bar. "I wasn't a big fan of the schools lunches," Hannah said. "But I also tried to eat healthy, so I usually got salad whenever they had it. Design a salad day was delicious and definitely my favorite day of the week."

BREAKFAST BUNCH
During Contact Time, seniors Kate DeGeorge and Jenni Hlebasko eat breakfast at Panera Bread and complete some homework. "We decided one day that we wanted to go to breakfast before school and picked Thursday because school started later," Kate said. "After a couple weeks, we were going every single Thursday before school. It was nice to catch up with friends and get homework help before school started while eating good food."

COOKED UP
In Foods Class, Michael Schlotman, junior, cooks a dish. Students learned how to properly create certain foods, such as vegetables.

FOOD FOR THE SOUL

From baked treats and healthy meals to restaurants and fast food, students' daily lives and activities are affected by food

When Danielle Koultourides, senior, finds herself in a gloomy mood, she bakes away her problems. Sometimes the result is cupcakes; other times it's brownies or cookies.

"I baked when I was upset to take out my aggression," Danielle said. "Baking helped calm me down. I liked to bake cupcakes mostly…different kinds and different flavors. My mom had this really cool icing funnel, so I used different colors, and I liked to make them exciting for various occasions."

Food played a significant role in students' lives, and it even had the ability to affect their moods. It also served as an activity or something to do. When Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, junior, and her friends were bored, they made plans to go to Panera Bread or Starbucks Coffee.

"My friends and I normally just went to the closest fast food place," Aishariya said. "We really liked the atmosphere and the food at Panera and Starbucks."

Local restaurants seemed to be the "hang out spot" for most students. With places like the new Panera Bread and Qdoba opening, students flocked to them for food. When April hit and the weather improved, FroYo was the prime place to be.

"FroYo was very cheap and great ice cream," Ronak Tilva, junior, said. "I loved ice cream because it was so sweet and tasted delicious.

Not only was food an activity, but it was a type of stress reliever for some people. Nathan Kondamuri ignored the health issues and ate whatever food he desired.

"When I was stressed, I ate everything," Nathan said. "I ate like BBQ Pringles, hot Cheetos, push up popsicles, Oreo ice cream sandwiches, and anything that I could find."

However, this had the potential for unhealthy eating habits, so students like Tatiana Padilla, junior, took precaution.

"I was a healthy eater," Tatiana said. "Everything at my house was healthy snacks, so there was no temptation. I normally didn't care about fast food, but I had been disappointed and grossed out from most fast food restaurants. Also, I had co-workers who worked at Mc Donald's, and they told me the horror stories of what actually happened behind the scenes. I didn't want that in my body because I loved to work out, and I felt the difference when I was fueled by junk food."

PIZZA TIME
Finishing up the pizza, freshmen Natalie Vellutini and Peyton Puckett finish off the pizza from Pizza Hut during lunch. To celebrate certain events like birthdays, students brought in food like pizza.

ALL YOU CAN EAT
Lined up for food, Ally Schooler, junior, and her classmates serve themselves the food they made in Foods Class. Students often ate as a part of their lesson.

BIG BITES
Eating nachos, seniors Chris Tassaro and Oliver Sutter sit in a booth during lunch. "At times, the school's lunch could be pretty good," Oliver said. "It gave me that extra boost I needed to get through the last two periods."

IT TAKES Two

Throughout high school, students encounter relationships and work through them with technology, and high hopes

With his date Jessica Lapa, junior, in his arms, Zach Meyer, senior, enjoys a slow dance at his junior Prom. Much to Jessica's surprise, Zach chose to ask her to be his girlfriend at that moment. The two have kept their relationship strong for nine months due to a strong bond, according to Jessica.

"We knew each other very well," Jessica said. "We respected each other. We tried to stay away from drama and people in that kind of crowd."

Although relationships in high school caused a large amount of drama and didn't last long, they provided insight for students, according to Ben Brodsky, senior.

"Dating in high school showed the ups and downs of life and having a partner," Ben said. "Students could mess around all they wanted in high school, but through messing around, they could shape who they would be and how they would approach emotional situations when they got older."

Dating evolved over the years and differed greatly form the relationships of previous generations. Students went through the "talking" phase, a stage in a relationship that sparks interest, according to Sarah Webster, sophomore.

"I guess there was flirting, and you'd text a lot with the other person," Sarah said. "It would be the beginning of a relationship."

However, communicating through social networking sites and texting could hinder the ability to make a true connection, according to Mr. Steven Lopez, history teacher.

"I feared primarily for the future in the degree of interpersonal communication," Mr. Lopez. "I thought in the long run – texting, social media, Tweeting, Facebooking – it was tough to build true relationships, I believed, based on that."

Along with the stress of school and clubs, the obstacle of long-distance relationships also took a toll on high school dating. Although he graduated in 2011, Joel Ratajack, '11, and Jessica Dickenson, senior, remained strong despite the distance that separated them, according to Joel.

"It was all about the person you were with and how much your relationship meant to you that made it possible," Joel said. "I cared about my girlfriend so much that even though it was really hard and the odds were against us, our feelings and trust for each other kept us together."

Though obstacles came in the way of high school relationships, students found ways to balance school and dating, while still enjoying their high school years.

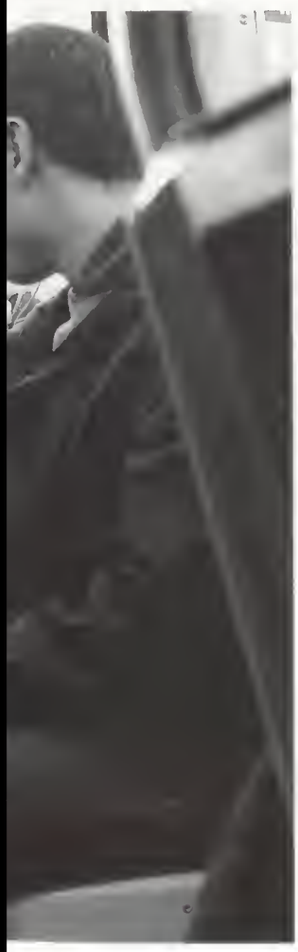
LOCKER LOVE
After the 2:45 p.m. bell rings, Morgan Papesh, sophomore, and Evan Frystak, senior, meet near Morgan's locker. Once they started going out, they made it a priority to meet each other's friends because of their age difference. "One of the big things when we started going out was getting to know each other's friends," Evan said. "It mattered a little. If they did like her, then it was fantastic, but in the end, it was my decision."

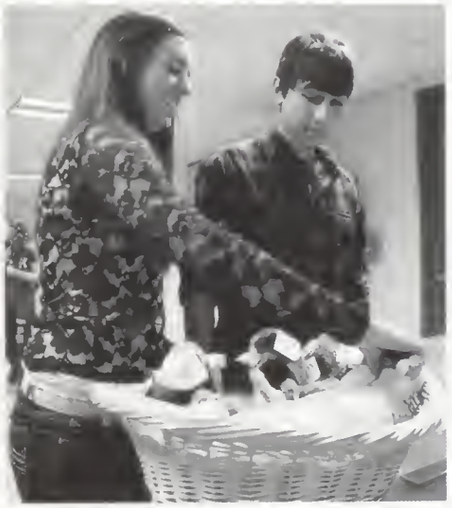
COZY COUPLE
Legs crossed, juniors Collin Szafranski and Klarissa Hernandez sit together in the Auditorium Lobby. "When we started dating, we just started coming to the Auditorium and sat," Klarissa said. "We'd always talk and laugh and goof off. There was never a time we didn't laugh."

UNDER COVER COUPLE
On their way to Chicago, Cydnee Cruz, senior, and Carson Ollo, junior, sit next to each other on the train. The two kept their relationship on the down low to avoid different treatment, according to Carson. "But once we went official," Carson said, "everything was alright."

ART OF LOVE
In art class, seniors Ivan Gutierrez and Ariana Koultourides joke with each other. Through art, the two created a relationship along with many works of art. "We have distinguished styles," Ari said, "but they work together."

STRESS RELIEVER
Dressed in a Dunhill Tuxedo, Kyle Ruckert, senior, chats with his girlfriend Joann Wakefild, senior. "It was important to talk so you could connect to the person," Kyle said. "Talking about the simplest things relieved the stresses of our day!"





PUPPY LOVE
During lunch, John Avila, junior buys Caitlin Curran, junior, a stuffed puppy to support CHAMPS and National Honor Society. "I think buying things for each other was a material perk to show how you cared for someone," Caitlin said. "Plus they were really cute and supported a good cause."

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Sophomores Emily Anderson and Kyle Hansen share important aspects of relationships

TAKE A WALK
Hand in hand, sophomores Emily Anderson and Kyle Hansen take a walk around the neighborhood. "Our houses were within walking distance, so we were always walking together," Emily said. "We found it more fun to be out rather than being inside watching movies or something."

"Honesty, because without honesty, it was impossible to trust, and if you didn't have trust in a relationship, you didn't have anything. When you have honesty and trust, you could completely be yourself with your partner, which makes the relationship way more fun."
-EMILY ANDERSON,
SOPHOMORE

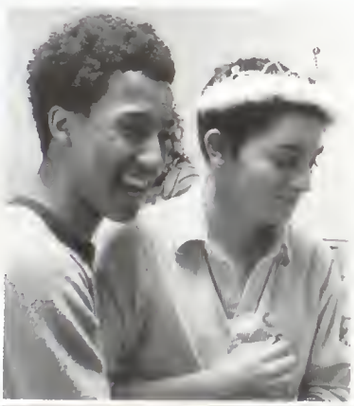
"Being yourself, because if you weren't yourself, then your boyfriend/girlfriend would like whoever you were pretending to be and not you. We were completely honest with each other. I felt I could tell her anything and she would accept it, even if it was bad."
-KYLE HANSEN,
SOPHOMORE

A BITE TO EAT
Sitting in a booth at Schoops with her friend Nicole Mielnicki, junior, Hannah Villaroman, junior, shares a laugh. "Schoops has cheap food, and it's tasty," Hannah said."We were usually too lazy to go anywhere fancier. It was nice to keep the stress level down and chill out with your friends."

LAUGH ATTACK
Hand hiding her laugh, Ali Bauer, freshman, laughs at a funny joke Sydney DeBoer, junior, told. "I always made stupid jokes with my friends," Ali said. "We would normally just listen to music or watch movies."

LIKEBROTHERS

Some boys find themselves so close to their friends that they would go as far as to coin the term "bromance"



ARMS WRAPPED around Cesar Camacho, sophomore, Zach Suggs, junior, celebrates his friend's 16th birthday. "When I first met Cesar, he was just this annoying kid in my photography class who asked a lot of questions," Zach said. "But he kind of grew on me. Now we just have this love hate relationship and we both pick on each other." **AT A STARBUCKS,** seniors Luke Gonzalez and Alex Gariup laughed at a joke together. "I loved doing things with him (Alex) because he was one of my best friends," Luke said. "We definitely had a bromance."

GIRL TALK
In a group with her friends, Judie Muhrez, sophomore, talks to her friends after school. "I loved being with my friends because I was most comfortable around them," Judie said. "We always had fun together no matter what we were doing."

TOSSED
Waiting for her partner to take his turn, Ari Chioros, sophomore, teams up her friend, Niko Ingoglia, sophomore, in the Bag Toss at the Dance Marathon. "Dance Marathon was a lot of fun because I got to be with my friends," Ari said. "Even though I was working it for Student Government, I got to relax and hang out with my friends."

GENDER SPECIFIC

Many students enjoyed hanging out with boys and girls, but they found they liked spending time with friends of the same gender, although it was very different

Even though Katie Corsiglia, junior, never really talked to Morgan Boyd, senior, she had always admired her, according to Katie. However, Katie's and Morgan's boyfriends were best friends, so when the two couples started dating, a friendship between the two girls became inevitable.

"I always thought she (Morgan) was really pretty, and I would like her Facebook posts and stuff like that," Katie said. "But now she's one of my really close friends, and I went from hardly even knowing her to being able to talk to her about anything. Even though we were both really close to our boyfriends, we could talk to each other about stuff that we couldn't say in front of the guys."

Many other students felt the same way Katie did, in that they found it easier to talk to people of the same gender.

"When I hung out with just guys, I didn't have to censor myself as much," Alex Crowe, junior, said. "It would just be weird to say that stuff around girls."

Other students found that they felt pressured to impress the opposite gender.

"I usually acted a lot stupider around girls," Casey Terry, freshman said. "I guess I always felt like I had to impress them even if I didn't like them like that."

Students, like Ellie Dorn, freshman, felt comfortable around all of her friends, but noticed a difference in what they talked about.

"It wasn't like hanging out with boys was ever weird," Ellie said. "It's just that sometimes boys and girls like different things, so there were some things that I would never say around my guy friends. It doesn't mean that it's easier or harder to be friends with them than girls."

GIRLS NIGHT IN
Phone in hand, seniors Logan Foreit and Kate Lasser talk about a text they got from their friend earlier that day. "Kate was one of my best friends," Logan said. "Whenever we got goofy texts from our friends, we would always show them to each other."

OFF THE MENU
Eyeing something on the menu at Commander's, juniors Bridget Anderson and Jill Rademacher decide what they want to order. "We would always have girls' nights where we would go for a movie and dinner," Bridget said. "I've been friends with these girls almost forever, so it's nice to go out with them every now and then."

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Students redefine the nuclear family and expose what a true family stands for

Many students have familiar experiences with their families. They can nag about grades or be embarrassing in front of friends, but at the end of the day they are a fundamental support system for everyone. While many similarities exist between two families, there are also differences that make everyone's family ≠unique.

Stephanie Pallay, senior, was adopted from South Korea when she was four months old after her biological mom made the decision to put her up for adoption. Even though she comes from a much different background than her parents, Stephanie never felt that much different from any other kid.

"My parents were always open about it with me, but I never really thought about it honestly," Stephanie said. "Obviously, you get the 'why do you look so different from your parents?' question, but it was never really something I thought about. My family was my family, and the only difference was that I was a different ethnicity than them."

Some families had lifestyle choices that set them apart from other families. Haley Fieldhouse, junior, lived with her mom, stepdad, and friend Patrick Stapinski, junior, along with her grandparents and biological dad playing a big role in her life. Haley's family embraced a natural lifestyle including yoga, meditation and alternative medicine, but their unanimous love of music was what truly brought them together.

"I felt like our home was a musical," Haley said. "Someone was always singing or humming or playing and instrument or listening to music, and sometimes Patrick would take out his guitar and we all made up nonsense songs about our days, or about how fat our cats are."

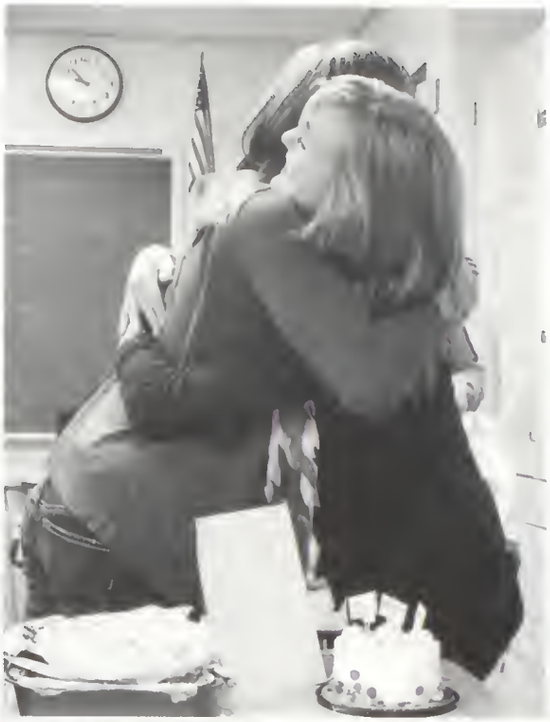
No matter the differences of between them, family remained an important part of students' lives.

"Family was so important to me because as cliché as it sounds, they really are always there for you," Stephanie said. "They love you unconditionally and no matter how far away they physically are, you were always going to be able to find someone to talk to."

WARM EMBRACE
Before leaving for Lucas Oil Stadium, Michael Peters, junior, gives his little sister a hug during the band's farewell. Michael's family rallied with others to support the band.

ALL IN THE VAN-ILY
Together in the "Fary van," Christian Fary, junior, has a quick chat with his mom and younger sister Camryn. The family van was used constantly to run the entire family to and from their various school activities. "They were all really supportive," Christian said. "They came to see all of my performances and helped me run lines to prepare for the show."

GAME NIGHT
Huddled around a table, Jack Arnold, sophomore, and the rest of his family play Apples to Apples. The Arnolds' family games allowed them to relax and have fun. "We were all close," Jack said. "We joked around and had fun a lot. We also helped each other out when we needed it."



HUG IT OUT
Moments after a sweet surprise, sisters Cindy Rumas, senior, and Renee Rumas, sophomore, share a sisterly hug. For Renee's birthday, Cindy planted a cake on Renee's desk and popped out once Renee came in the room. "In our family we were raised on the fact that family is one thing that was always there for you," Cindy said. "We had a crazy twin-telepathy in that we could use a minimum amount of words and completely understand exactly what the other is saying."

HAIR CARE
Waiting patiently, Trisha Madura, junior, sits with her sister Tiffany Madura '11. Tiffany returned home from college to do Trisha's hair for Turnabout. "We were like best friends," Trisha said. "Her going off to college made us even closer because she always came home to visit."

From old school to modern, students uphold traditions within their family

QUIRKY CUSTOMS

IN FRONT OF A GLOWING SCREEN, Rachel Borgo, junior, and her mother sit around the TV to watch The Mentalist together. Time around the TV served as bonding time. "I'm not going to lie, sometimes it was really annoying with her there because she would ask so many questions," Rachel said. "We still had a lot of fun with trying to guess the mysteries though."

LOOKING LIKE PRINCESSES, sophomores Vicky and Jessica Avina are the stars of their quincenera. They performed the custom where their father had to change them into a new pair of heels to symbolize womanhood. "Having a quince was important to my family because it was a very special Mexican tradition," Jessica said. "It also showed that I was grown up."

TIME IS MONEY

Whatever the reason may be, students find themselves striving to maintain good grades and bring in some cash flow

Just as the 2:45 p.m. bell rings indicating the end of the day, Alexis Carrizales, sophomore, rushes out of the school doors to make it to work on time. As she strolls down the sidewalk, she makes a mental note of what homework she received for the day. As she enters Butterfinger's bakery, she begins to think about how she will spend her extra money during summer.

"Since I wasn't in any extracurricular activities, I decided I should take on a job because it would keep me busy and give me a taste of what the real world would be like after high school," Alexis said. "But when I first went in for my interview, it was completely nerve-wracking because it was a new experience.

While some students may have jumped at the opportunity to work from the moment they were able to, others decided to focus on their school work, according to Kay Danyiwo, senior.

During her last year as a high school student, Kay did not want to have an extra load other than her school work. She wanted to be able to do the best she could for the year that way she could be completely focused when she went off to college.

"I didn't have to work because my parents gave me money when I needed it or when I went out," Kay said. "Sometimes I wouldn't spend it all, but each time they gave me more it kept adding up, and I would save it."

A major factor came into play when students decided what they wanted to pay for and when their parents needed to whip out their wallet: prices.

"When I bought something with my money I knew that I should spend it wisely," Gabbi Dore, sophomore, said. "I usually spent my own money when I went out to eat with friends or to the mall. Other than that my mom paid."

For most students in high school, money was usually the way to pay for stuff, but for Gabbi, she never paid for anything with cash. She found herself online shopping for clothes more often since she had a debit card in her wallet.

"I used my debit card for everything. I never carried cash on me, just my debit card," Gabbi said. "I did have a job at Dickey's Barbeque, but that was by my choice. My parents told me I didn't need a job because they provided for me, but there was something about having your own money that felt good."

REALITY CHECK
With pencil in hand, Jacob Helmer, freshman, looks down at his sheet during reality store to make the next withdrawal from his 'bank account.' "The reality store was a great experience and I was able to learn about where all the the money goes," Jacob said.

TELEPHONE CALL
As she flips through the book, Ashley Wenzel, junior, takes a call from a customer. "Working at Merle Norman has been an absolutely rewarding experience for me," Ashley said. "Working there has made me more responsible and I have learned about the operation of small businesses. The job balanced extremely well with my school and social life."

THINKING CRITICALLY
In a deep concentration, Erin McHale, senior, tries to find a way to explain the lesson. "I really enjoyed teaching little kids how to conjugate a verb or do long division," Erin said. "It made me feel proud to see them learn and develop new skills from week to week."

GETTING DIRTY
With a cloth wipe in her hand, Gabbi Dore, sophomore, wipes the tables clean at Dickey's BBQ. "Working made me think twice about spending my money because I worked hard to earn it and I didn't want to just waste it," Gabbi said.

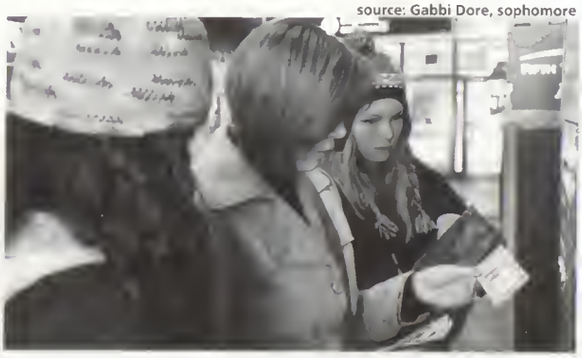
PREFERREDPAY

While some students prefer to carry cash with them at all times, others prefer to take out their credit and debit cards. Students weigh out the pros and cons of carrying a credit card

Pros
- convenience
- quick transactions
- budgeting is easy
- cash back

Cons
- no credit score
- no reward points
- account blocks
- usage fees

source: Gabbi Dore, sophomore



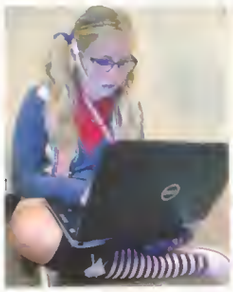
SWIPED AWAY
With cash in her hand, Molly Giacomuzzi, senior, goes to anATM machine. "I thought cash was harder to spend for me than a debit card was because I was physically giving my money away," Molly said.

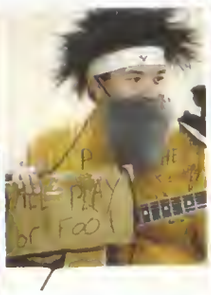
DELICIOUS DESSERTS
As she slides the door, Alexis Carrizales, sophomore, prepares to wrap cupcakes. "When I first started working at the bakery, it was stressful because it was my first job, but once I got used to the hang of things, working and balancing school work became no problem," Alexis said.

FUN FEST
Handing over the bean bags, Mary Skurka, senior, volunteers at St. Thomas More spring fest. "I volunteered because I enjoyed working with the kids," Mary said. "It didn't matter on whether or not I got paid. It was about giving back and brightening a person's day."

SENIOR SPIRIT

As Cruella DeVil, Alyssa Sheets, senior, feels lonely without her 101 dalmations with white shirts and black spots. "My mom, some of my friends and I came up with it together," Alyssa said. "It was a way to make a big deal without getting in trouble." Playing guitar, Jeremias Casas, senior, gets into character. "Spirit Week was a great opportunity for students to just have fun and dress up," Jeremias said. In the spirit, Chelsey Wallace, senior, works in AP Composition. "Spirit Week was a time for everyone to get pumped up and show school pride," Chelsey said. "It was always awesome to see how everyone else dressed up and what the craziest costume was. Senior year had the best days."





Dressed as Cat in the Hat, Cindy Rumas, senior, makes a face on Random Costume Day. "It was fun to see how everyone interpreted their costume," Cindy said.

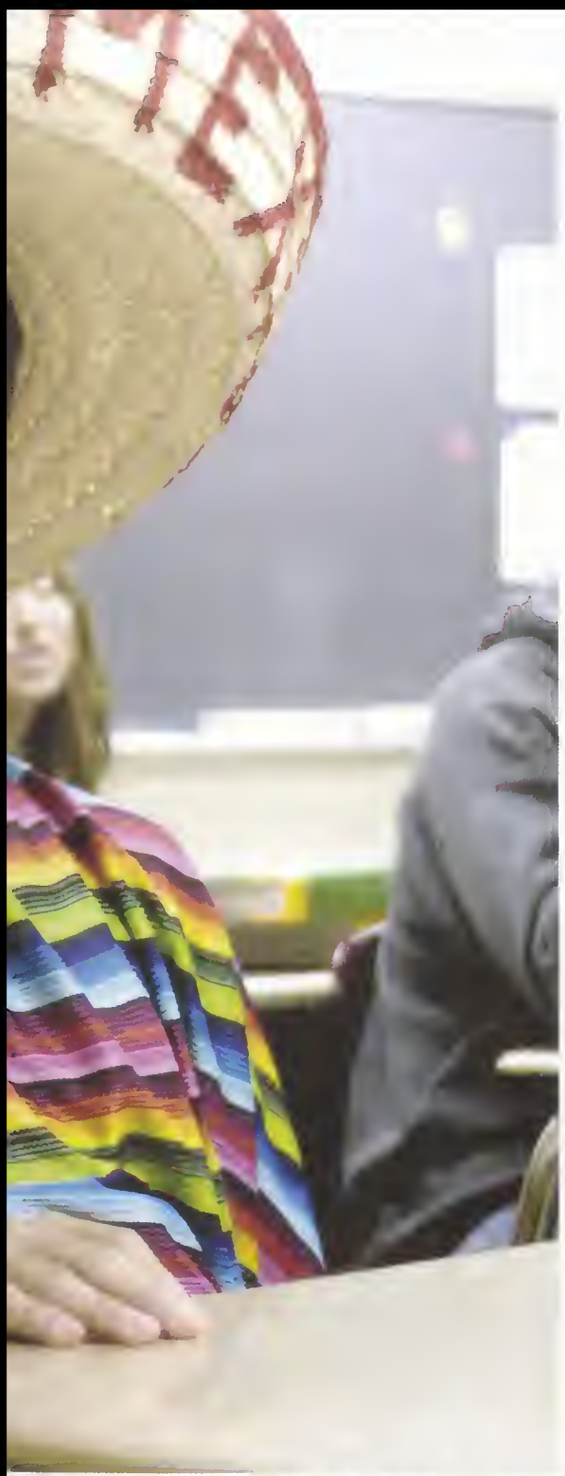
Intently listening, George Saez, senior, brightens the class. "I loved that costume," George said. "I got the idea when I went over to a friend's house, and she had a sombrero with 'Viva Mexico!' on it."

FLOAT AWAY

CEC members and students build floats for their assigned movie to compete in the parade on the track

As a pirate, Mrs. Thornburg, math teacher, brings the seniors' *Pirates of the Caribbean* float to life. "Float building definitely took up some time as it was three hours a week," Logan Foreit, senior, said. "The fact that it was only a week and an extra day or two didn't help." With the movie *UP*, the Junior Class constructed the iconic house with attached balloons. "We decided to build the house," Colleen Ogren, junior, said. "It took us over two weeks and five days to build it. The balloons were kind of our idea though. We got good responses." Portraying *STAR WARS*, the Sophomore Float featured Yoda with Mr. Joseph Sokol, math teacher, moving the light saber, earning them the winning title.

Braiding their hair, Carly Levin, junior, and Elena Piech, freshman, dress up for Decades Day. "I loved Spirit Week," Carly said. "It was the only time of year where almost everyone had major school spirit. I really got into it. It was my favorite week of school. I didn't like how against it the administration was." Each grade had a different decade, starting with the 50s and going to the 80s.



PLAYING THE PART

From coming to school decked out in multicolored sweaters to spending long school nights on building Hollywood theme floats, students stay busy with Homecoming activities

KeSha, a pizza man, ladybugs and Cruella de Vil with her 101 Dalmations roam the halls as they walk from class to class. These are only a few characters among the many seniors who dressed up for Random Costume Day.

"I just loved seeing all the costumes on Random Costume Day," Rebecca Karnezis, sophomore, said. "Even if you didn't dress up, seeing the seniors dress up was funny in itself. My favorites were the hobo and the group of kids who dressed up as Pac Man characters and chased each other in the halls."

Spirit Week gave students an opportunity to be creative and break the normal routine of school. Standing out from everyone else, seniors had their own days of Steve Urkel Day, Random Costume Day and 80s Workout Day.

"I waited for senior Spirit Week for four years, and it met my expectations," Viharika Peddi, senior, said. "Our senior spirit days were better than the underclassmen's. It was one of the perks of being a senior!"

Even with different days, the Homecoming spirit reached underclassmen, according to Joey Gardener, freshman. However, not everyone felt the excitement.

"I thought the days had potential to be good, but no one really got into it," Steven Burgwald, junior, said. "I don't known why a lot of people didn't dress up. I don't think everyone knew what the days were."

Regardless, Spirit Week served as one of the festivities that made up Homecoming. Throughout the week, Class Executive Council (CEC) members and other students worked every night to build floats. With a movie for each grade, the classes put their imagination to use to represent the Hollywood theme.

Reaching the finished product seemed to be the result of many hours, according to Emmy Georgas, sohpomore.

"Float building ended up being a lot of fun and really rewarding," Emmy said. "It took about nine days to accomplish this task even with the help of nine to twelve sophomores."

Watching the floats drive by during the parade, CEC members and other helpers could appreciate their work. As each float rolled by, each grade stood united in their sections cheering loudly.

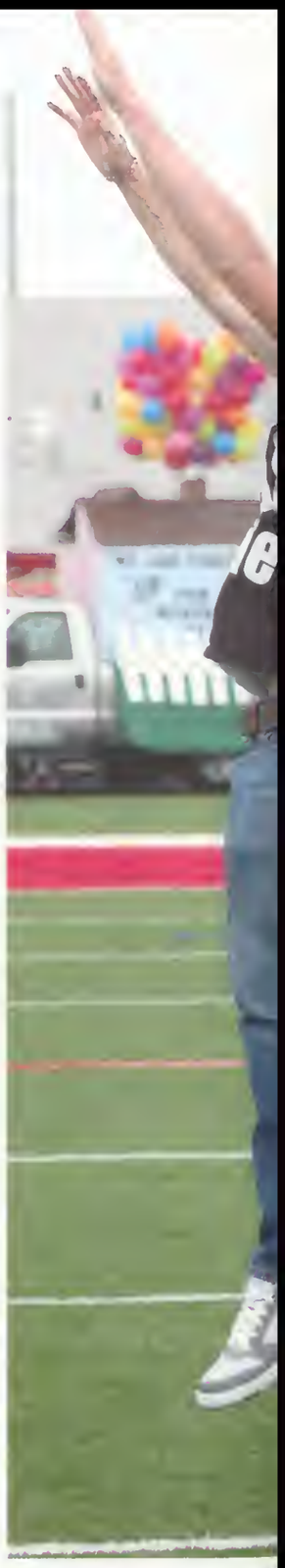
HOPING FOR THE BEST, Alex Ingoglia, senior, participates in the bags tournament during the tailgate before the Homecoming game against Andrean. "The tailgate before the game was the perfect way to cap off Spirit Week because it showed how spirited and avid fans we really were to be outside of the stadium hours before it even started," Alex said.

STEREO IN HAND, Kristen Hines, senior, blasts music in the halls during passing period. With the decade of the 80s for Decade Day, the seniors dressed in neon clothes and work out attire to reenact the exercise trend during that time.

ON THE RUN

IN A DASH to the finish line, sophomores Chase Lorenz and Jacob Gariup take part in the two-legged race at the Pep Rally. "One of my friends signed us up without even knowing," Jacob said, "but I had fun because we were out there with other kids we knew, and we won all of it." **DURING THE LEAPFROG** race, Allison Cunningham, freshman, jumps over James Beckman, freshman, on the way to the finish line. **TAKING PART IN** a Hollywood theme obstacle course, Anthony Giannini, junior, gets ready to sprint to the finish line in a dress and clown wig. "It was really one of the most fun things I had ever been a part of," Anthony said. "It really united the grades as one to cheer on the school in events and the Homecoming festivities."

Students participate in obstacle courses and relay races during the Pep Rally



GIRL POWER

BEFORE THE PLAY begins, Bernadette Grabowski, junior, leads the juniors at the Powderpuff game. "Powderpuff was so much fun!" Bernadette said. "I never thought I would like football as much as I did. It was also fun playing against the seniors." **AFTER THE GAME**, Kiki Karabatak, senior, high fives her teammate after the seniors beat the juniors at the Powderpuff game. "Powderpuff was an awesome experience because it brought together different groups of girls, and we became great friends," Kiki said. "We made up nicknames for each other, and we were always laughing." **TO IMPROVE THEIR GAME**, the seniors' Powderpuff team practices running plays at the field by the Auditorium. **DANCING IN THE ENDZONE**, Brittany Smith, senior, celebrates the seniors' victory at the Powderpuff game.

BELTING OUT MULAN songs, Ela Brooks, senior, performs for the whole school during the Pep Rally karaoke contest. Groups from all the grades volunteered to sing different songs for the Hollywood theme karaoke, and the seniors won with their Mulan performance that got everyone on their feet.

FOR THE SECOND year in a row, Chris Slivka, senior, leads the seniors to victory in Tug-o-war at the Pep Rally. "I did it every year because it was fun and it was a chance to compete with other grades," Chris said. "The Pep Rally united the school as one for sure. I thought we should have two every year; everyone looks forward to them."

JUMP FOR JOY

With seniors winning the Powderpuff game, students participating in Pep Rally competition and voting for Homecoming queen, Homecoming festivities dominate the week

As students file into the packed lunch lines for homemade pizza, the upbeat atmosphere of Homecoming lingers in the air. With excited faces and attitudes, students talk and play in shortened classes, waiting in anticipation for the Homecoming festivities to begin.

While the mass of students crossed the street into the football stadium, President Alex Ingoglia, senior, and Vice President Lukas Nossem, senior, welcomed their classmates to the Pep Rally. As songs like Katy Perry's "E.T." echoed throughout the stadium, students found their friends and classes, preparing to cheer on their school. With activities such as the obstacle course, karaoke, and team races, students shouted and cheered for their class to win.

"The Pep Rally as a whole was great," Paige Puplava, sophomore, said. "I loved shorter classes and being able to hang out with all of my friends. However, I wasn't a fan of the karaoke. But overall, I liked not being a freshman in the situation. I enjoyed myself, especially since my class did pretty well."

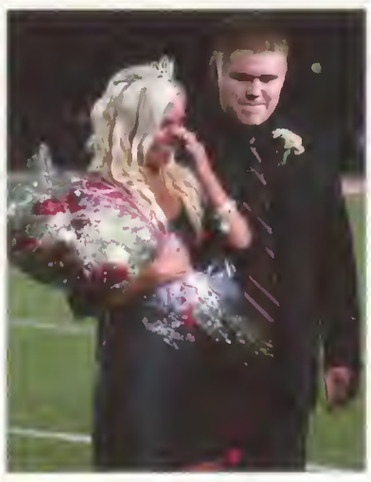
The sophomores ended up winning the class competition, but the seniors, once again, took the title of the champions of tug-o-war. At the end of the Pep Rally when the cheerleaders and dancers came together to perform the victory march, students left in anticipation of the night's big Homecoming game against Andrean.

As the band played and the cheerleaders and poms warmed up, students poured into the tightly packed student section. Students roared with excitement throughout the whole game, no matter what happened.

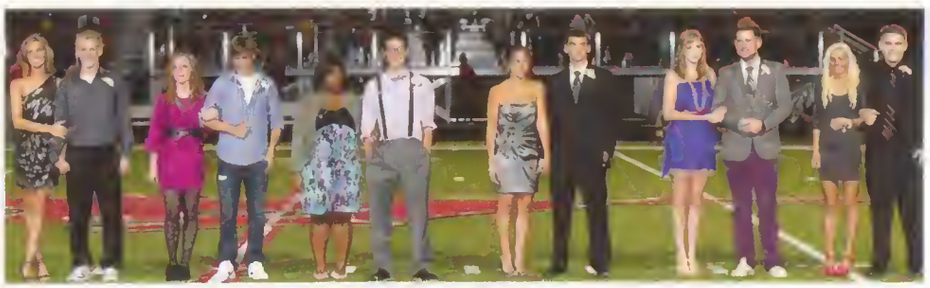
"It was the best our student section has ever been," Kevin O'Brien, junior, said. "Even though we were losing, we were still loud. Because it was important to support friends if you were in different sports, they would support you, too. The Andrean kids did a lot of stuff to put us down, but it was Homecoming and we still had fun."

With a tough fight, the Mustangs lost 13-27. Students still cheered on their classmates no matter what the scoreboard said, ending the night on a high note. Although the Mustangsdidn't win, the Homecoming dance awaited them the next day, bringing even more excitement and surprises.

UP IN MID AIR, seniors Chris Tassaro and Mark Strbjak celebrate the seniors' victory in Tug-o-War at the Pep Rally. "I believed that the Pep Rally brought the school together," Mark said. "It was just an all-around good time with different competitions between the grades." In the end, the sophomores won the class competition while the seniors won Tug-o-War.



ESCORTED BY HER BROTHER, Ellen Wynn, senior, cries as she's announced Homecoming Queen. "I was so surprised when I heard my name being announced because every girl had a great chance," Ellen said. "I couldn't believe it was me; I started crying because I was so happy and shocked."



HOMECOMING COURT Gabrielle Dalle-Carbornare, Jessica Ceislak, Taylor Brown, Danielle Koultourides, Maggie Thomas, Ellen Wynn

W Lorin Levitan, senior, has fun with her dancing skills. "If no one else was dancing, my friends and I would probably be the first on the dance floor and I did not care what other people thought if I went out and danced because all that mattered to me was if I was having a good time, Lorin said. "Dancing alone didn't bother me."

F Mira Culic, senior, dances for the first time with prom king, Paul Cristo, senior. "Prom was a great experience, I really enjoyed seeing everyone so dressed up," Mira said. "Dancing with Paul was really fun because he was such a sweetheart. I was really surprised and shocked when I found out I won; I didn't know how to react. Prom was my first and last dance so I didn't really know what to expect. The day just flew by."

E Erin McHale, senior, laughs and enjoys herself with her date. "I always loved the dances, ever since freshman year," Erin said. "I always felt confident with dancing because I have been since I was three, so I was never embarassed to dance."

QUICK FIX

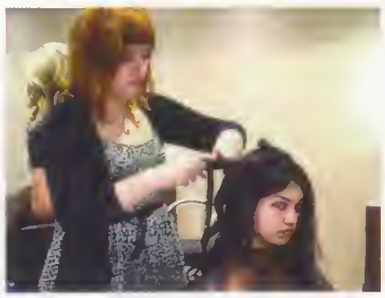
Boys and girls describe what roles they play to ensure things go smoothly the day of the dance

"I would go to my hair appointment around noon and return home around 2 p.m. Once I got back home, I would just relax until it was time to get my dress on. When I was done and ready, I would go to a friend's house where our parents took a bunch of pictures and then afterwards, we would go to the dance as group."

Gabbi Dore, sophomore

"It tooke me around two hours to get ready for the dances. I had to take a shower and style my hair. Finally, once I was done getting ready, I would get dropped off at my date's house and from there we would go to the dance.

Jesse Palma, sophomore



T Delilah Owens, junior, sits patiently as her stylist does her hair. "I had ISSMA State qualifications for choir that morning, so it was a busy day," Delilah said. "I made sure that I booked my appointment in advance."

H Robert Heitz, sophomore, dances with his date at the dance. "My favorite part of the dances was when I could slow dance with my beautiful date and just enjoy the time we were spending together," Robert said. "It was always fun to go with a date because you could have a nice time with her, but still hang with friends."

DANCE

Students set their studies aside for the weekend to socialize and dance with their friends

As she enters the gym with her date by her side, Rachel Jamrose, freshman, grows in anticipation as she hears the loud music blaring and the bright lights flashing. With homecoming as her first dance, Rachel can't wait to get out and dance the night away with friends and her date.

"I loved having a reason to put on a beautiful dress, take pictures with my group and being able to party and dance with all of my friends," Rachel said. "The whole aspect of the dance was new to me and it was a fun and exhilarating experience."

For underclassmen, going to dances with friends proved to be a new and electrifying experience. Attending the dances provided the students an opportunity to dance with friends and have a fun time by joking around.

"Homecoming was memorable because the DJ was kind of bad, so my entire group just danced like a bunch of fools the whole time," Katie Gajewski, junior, said.

While it remained difficult for the DJ to please every student's request, a majority of students were pleased with the variety of music that was played.

"The music played at the dances was all modern along with some classics," Rachel said. "The variety of music played was perfect to dance and sing along to."

The music may have kept people on the dance floor, but someone had to make the first move to get past the awkwardness. Students had to find the courage to get out on the dance floor and just have a good time dancing with friends.

"I thought the music was great and kept everyone dancing," Timothy Wiess, freshman, said. "Once my date and my friends started dancing, it was completely comfortable."

Although the dances were fun, students had to take action to find a date. "I went to turnabout with one of my best friends," Alyssa Wojcik, sophomore said. "By going with my best friend, I was able to just be myself and it was fun to make more memories added on to the many we already had."

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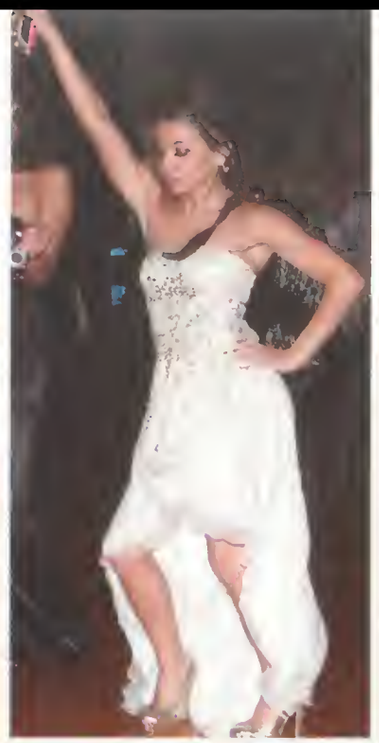
IN ALL SMILES Brooke Boerman, senior, poses for a picture with her date Brian Stolarz. "I didn't mind posing in front of the crowd for the grand march," Brooke said. "I was actually relieved it was my last school dance because it meant I was one step closer to graduating."

GATHERED WITH FRIENDS, Analiese Corey, sophomore, dances to the music. "It was just fun to go the dances and be able to have fun with your friends," Analiese said. We always joked around and just had a good time."

GOOFING OFF, Chris Kritzer, senior, and Colin Mudroncik, senior enjoy dancing and fooling around with friends. "I didn't dressed up in normal attire because I didn't go with a date," Chris said. "I went to the dances with my friend Luke to avoid the drama."

HANDS ON HIPS, Hannah Colias, senior, busts a move on the dance floor at Turnabout. "Dances were fun just to be with friends," Hannah said. "I think it gave everyone a good opportunity to come together and just enjoy themselves!"



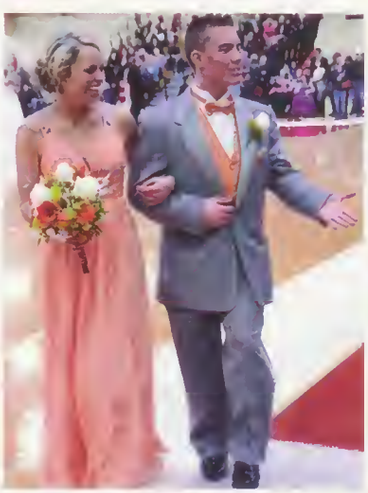
POINTING TO A FRIEND, Homecoming Queen Ellen Wynn, senior, dances the night away at the Homecoming dance. "I thought dances provided seniors with memories because we made sure to make the best of them because it was our last year here and we knew we would never be to a school dance again," Ellen said. "It was a great experience being Homecoming Queen. I was so honored to have won and it was just a great time to be with all my friends and boyfriend at the dance!"

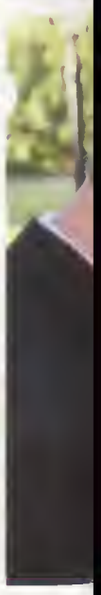
SMILES WIDE, Lindsay Spyrka, senior; Emily McNicholas, sophomore; Hannah Marriott, senior; and Emily Lagastee, sophomore, pose while Miles Gunty, junior, takes a picture. Most girls handed the camera over to their dates to take pictures of friends. "I didn't mind," Miles said. "It meant I didn't have to smile."

DATE DASH

Finding a date to the dance involved creative ideas and clever thinking

KOALA BEAR IN HAND, Tyler Cole, senior, finds an invitation to Turnabout from Rachel Corradin, junior, on his desk. "As soon as I saw it, I laughed," Tyler said. "It was an inside joke from last year, and it was pretty cute. I figured she'd do something with a koala." SITTING BEHIND HER GIANT BEAR, Becky Andrews, senior, works in class. David Hurwich, senior, placed the bear and a poster in Becky's seat in first hour and asked her to Prom. "When I carried it around all day, people I didn't even know were like, 'Aww,'and stuff like that," Becky said. "It was the best way I could've been asked!" LOCKER OPENED, Al Engle, junior, finds an invitation to Prom from boyfriend Joe Hunt, junior. Finding the perfect way to ask a date provided challenges for student to come up with the most creative ideas.





ARM IN ARM, seniors Sarah Kinser and Colin Hammermeister participate in the Grand March before Prom. The Grand March allowed parents and friends to see the final product of hours of preparation.

DANCE ALL NIGHT

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Finding a date proved to be only a small part of the preparation process of dances. Students had to worry about getting the flower bouquet and boutonniere, finding a dress or tuxedo and getting hair and make-up done. While some students took an hour to get ready, others took the entire day to prepare. However, amidst the hours of preparation, small mishaps triggered stress for students and parents, according to Ashley Suda, junior.

"My date picked up the boquet and the boutonniere, and he was only supposed to get the boquet," Ashley said. "It was funny because other workers started to make a new one, so we had two in the end. Everything worked out fine, but it took some time out of the day."

After hours of hairspray, blush, bobby pins and endless camera flashes, students made their way in limos, party buses and cars to the destination of the dance. Upon arrival, students mingled with friends and took professional pictures. Though optional, a majority of students waited in line for professional pictures, which, unfortunately, took up an hour of the night, according to Russell Doctor, junior.

Once students finished mingling and got their pictures taken, the dance floor erupted with students doing the "Cha-Cha Slide" and "Cupid Shuffle." Being at dances allowed students to express themselves and have fun, according to Nicole Plewniak, junior.

"I liked hanging out with my friends the whole night," Nicole said. "The music wasn't always that great, but it was fun to get dressed up and do things that you normally wouldn't do."

However, the dance proved to be only the beginning of the festivities, and students planned activities for after the dance. Whether it was renting a limo or party bus, or just ordering Thai food and watching movies, students found ways to extend the night's fun as long as possible.

"After Turnabout, my group decided just to carry out some Thai food and come back to my house to eat and watch a movie," Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, junior, said. "It was something different than going out to a restaurant like everyone else. It was a more cozy and friendly atmosphere, where we could relax after such a fun, long night of dancing!"

Dances allowed students to step out of their comfort zone and experience a night of fun and dancing with friends. With memories made to carry throughout their lives, students looked forward to Homecoming, Turnabout and Prom.

BOYFRIEND AT HER SIDE, Natalie Tarpo, senior, enjoys her last Homecoming with Luke Adams, '11. "I just loved being with my boyfriend and just dancing and having a great time!" Natalie said. "High school dances will definitely be a big memory of high school and something I'll miss."

FOCUSED ON PINNING THE FLOWERS, Nicki Griggs, senior, concentrates on Jack Laszlo's, senior, jacket. The boutonniere provided a challenge for students, and many had to resort to asking mom for help.

STRAWBERRY IN HAND, Brittany Gilbert, senior, makes her way to the choclate fountain with Nick Brajak, senior. The chocolate fountain was a different element at Prom that wasn't found at other dances. Students took advantage of it and ate as much chocolate as possible.

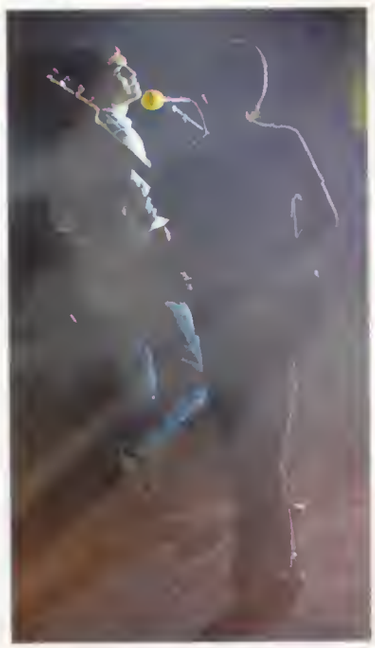
JUMPING IN THE AIR, Matt Menchalka, sophomore, plays for The Censored. "We were really excited about the songs we played," Matt said. "We just had a lot of energy, and we jumped around the stage a lot and had a ton of fun."

HANDS ON THE KEYBOARD, Nick Riley, senior, performs as part of Inside Out. "I got to play two instruments," Nick said. "Another thing we did differently was that we played some of our own music that we wrote, so the audience got to hear more than just our favorite songs."

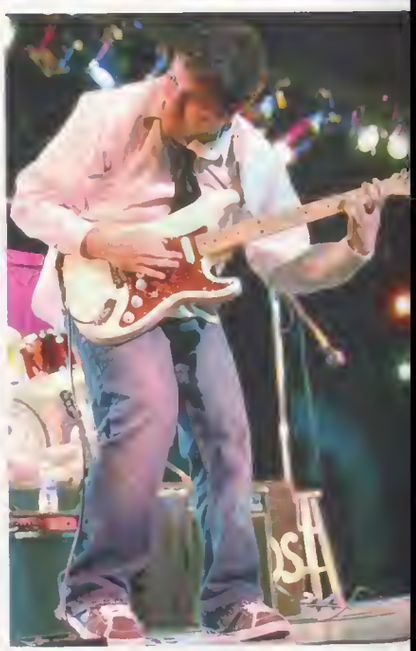
NAME GAME

Lights Out! members name their band after a story from the band's beginnings

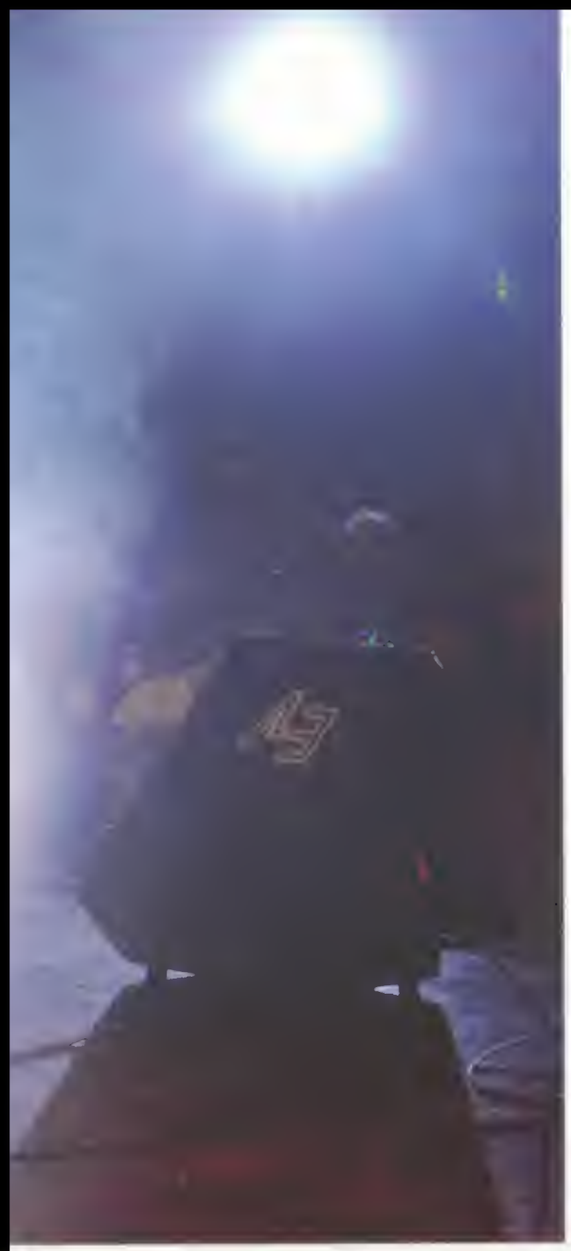
"We would always practice in Jeremiah's (Casas, senior) basement, and there would be times when the lights randomly turned off, so when they did, we would just yell 'Lights Out!'"



THROUGH THE SMOKE, Angel Jimenez, junior, performs with the members of Voltage. "This was our second year performing, and it was awesome," Angel said. "We kind of knew how to prepare better for this year. We really liked the songs we played, and overall, I was really happy with it."



PERFORMING WITH STYLE, Jeremiah Casas, senior, plays with Lights Out! "The best part about Battle was that I got to come back and see all my friends," Jeremiah said. "I graduated early, so I got to come back and play a ton of fun songs for everyone."



NIGHT OF MUSIC

In efforts to raise money for Riley Children's Hospital, five bands and three talent acts perform at Battle of the Bands compete to win first place

The trumpets sounded. In came the violin and the bass.

The crowd soon recognized the music as Kanye West's "All of the Lights," and cheered on returning band, Lights Out! as they began.

"We tried to keep our set list a secret," senior Ed Peng, Lights Out! bassist said. "We knew we had a really great lineup that everyone would like, and we had a huge group of people on stage for the Kanye song. We got some band students and some orchestra students, and we got our friend Hallie (Peilet, junior) to sing with us. The best part of that opening song was the crowd's original reaction to hearing a popular song and seeing their friends perform."

Lights Out! performed last, but followed four other bands, including Stacked Actors, The Censored, Voltage and Inside Out. None of the performers in Stacked Actors or The Censored had ever performed in Battle of the Bands in previous years, but played popular songs by Foster the People and Fall Out Boy.

Voltage also invited a singer to perform with them. Kaylie Starkey, senior, came out and sang "Come Together" by The Beatles.

"I knew Kaylie loved The Beatles, and she was really passionate about music," junior Angel Jimenez, lead singer and guitarist of Voltage said. "I knew she'd love to come on and perform with us."

Voltage placed an overall of 3rd place.

Newcomers from The Censored "surprised many people" with their 2nd place, according to sophomore Matt Menchalka, lead guitarist.

"No one knew who we were since so many really great returning bands were performing," Matt said. "A lot of people came up to me later and said that they didn't expect us to be so good, but they really liked our energy and our performance."

Lights Out!, last year's Battle winner, came back for a final victory. "Winning Battle for the second time was like celebrating your first Christmas and finding out you got a pony," Ed said. "It was our senior year, and we were all so proud of the performance we gave. It was the best experience ever."

SURROUNDED BY SMOKE, Alec Boyd, junior, stands in the spotlight and performs with Stacked Actors. The lights and smoke added to the presentation each band wanted while on stage. "Having fun lights and a bunch of smoke everywhere was just fun," Alec said.

BETWEEN SONGS, Mike Burns, junior, drums for Stacked Actors, one of the two new bands taking the stage at Battle. "I was really happy they asked me to be part of the band," Mike said. "I'd been playing the drums for a while before Battle, so I was excited to play."

RAPPING INTO THE MICROPHONE, Oliver Sutter, senior, performs "All of the Lights" with his band, Lights Out! "That was the perfect song for the night," Oliver said. "We had a ton of people on stage, and it was just awesome."

UNDER THE LIGHTS

Students in theater work to put together two musical productions, "Into the Woods" and "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying"

Butterflies settling in, Colleen Kifer, senior, anxiously awaits in the alcove off stage for the fall musical, "Into the Woods," to begin. As she hears Dr. Brechner, theater producer, announce the show and the audience start to clap, she takes a deep breath, lets everything go and becomes Cinderella.

"I loved playing Cinderella because she was such a contrast to my normal personality," Colleen said. "She was pretty much rainbows and sparkles for most of the show, so it was fun to be a completely different person."

Along with Cinderella, "Into the Woods" included many other fairy tale characters such as Little Red Riding Hood and Rapunzel. It told the story of a baker and his wife who get cursed by a witch and run into various fairy tale icons.

The cast started working on the show within the first two weeks of school in order to prepare for November 17, opening night. Through all of this preparation, the cast spent a lot of time together.

Although casts were usually too large to go out somewhere as a group, there were exceptions, according to Colleen. Those exceptions were show nights.

"After shows we always went out to dinner as a cast and it was always a blast," Colleen said. "On Fridays and Saturdays it varied from Red Robin to Steak and Shake, but on Sundays we always went to Beggar's for karaoke and pizza."

Many of the cast members in "Into the Woods" also took part in the spring musical, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

The show told the story of J. Pierrepont Finch, a young window washer played by Christian Fary, junior, who works his way up the 1960s corporate ladder.

"We put the show together in a shorter amount of time than usual," Christian said. "So, things were a little more stressful. After three hours of rehearsing, everyone could get a little on edge, but for the most part, everyone had a lot of fun."

During production and tech week, they made final adjustments and perfected each number.

Whether it was perfecting numbers about idealistic fairy tales or the harsh reality of the business world, students worked to put together an entertaining production.

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CONSULTING HIS BOOK Christian Fary, junior, sees what to do about Ms. LaReau, played by Alexa Johnson, senior. "She was your stereotypical Marylin Monroe of the office," Christian said. "So, being an up-and-coming businessman, I needed to see what to do to not get in trouble."

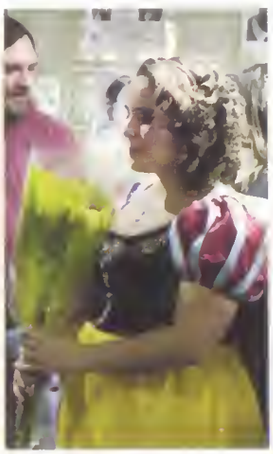
STANDING IN TOTAL SHOCK during "Paris Original," Rosemary, played by Megan Miller, senior, gasps at the sight of a fourth girl wearing her dress. The song started off with Rosemary singing about how happy she was with of her 'one of a kind' dress. However, as she sang , multiple girls walked in wearing the same dress and singing the same song.

ALONGSIDE HER CASTMATES, Emma Nossem, sophomore, sings on stage. "I hadn't been able to do a musical until then due to athletics," Emma said. "So, when I finally got back on stage with the people I preformed with in middle school, it was really exciting."

DURING A REHEARSAL, Megan Miller, senior, playing the Baker's Wife, stands with her husband, The Baker."The Baker's Wife was my favorite character that I had ever played," Megan said. "She was strong, determined, and straightforward. I learned more from the Baker's Wife than from any of my other characters."

DRESSED AS ONE OF CINDERELLA'S STEPSISTERS, Katie Gajewski, junior, signs a program for a young audience member. "Meet and greet was one of my favorite parts of shows," Katie said. "The little kids in the audience got really excited to see us in costume because they thought we were 'celebrities.' It was adorable."

AFTER A SHOW, Emmy Georgas, sophomore, receives a bouquet of flowers. "My mom gave me the flowers, which was really nice," Emmy said. "My character was at the very end of the play, so I got to help out a lot backstage. I helped with costumes, make-up and hair. I was also an understudy for most of the female roles."



BACK STAGE

Cast members ready themselves for the show backstage

FOCUSED ON A SENIOR NOTEBOOK, Anne Burke, junior, writes a goodbye message for a graduating cast member. "Senior notebooks were a way to say goodbye to our seniors," Anne said. "Each senior got a notebook with their name on it and anybody in theater could write in them. A lot of notes were a goodbye and some people wrote their favorite memories with that person. At the end of the run of the show, we gave them to the seniors." HANDS IN THE AIR, Josh Roman, junior, leads "Spirit Circle" before the show begins. "It was tradition," Josh said. "That night we were trying to pull down spirits from former thespians to get pumped up for the show." LOOKING INTO THE MIRROR, Stephanie Pallay, junior, applies her blush. "Stage makeup wasn't that different from everyday makeup, except for the fact that you applied a lot more," Stephanie said. "It had to be dramatic so it could be seen on stage and so all the lights wouldn't wash you out. It was kind of fun because you got to experiment with bright colors and glitter that you may never have dreamed of wearing on a daily basis."

CAUSING A SCENE, Kendall Goldberg, junior, plays Mrs. Orcutt, who was originally described as "a boring old lady who owned a boarding house," but Kendall changed the character into a more flamboyant personality. "I liked how I had the opportunity to make her my own," Kendall said. " I got a lot of laughs and that was my ultimate goal."

AS HE MAKES HIS WAY ACROSS THE STAGE,Tim Wittkamp, senior, takes the arm of Martina Trivunovic, freshman. Tim and Martina's characters were dating, requiring them as actors to spend a lot of time with each other. "In general, the cast was really friendly and open," Tim said. "It made for really close-knit relationships."

BACKTALK

The cast and crew cite their most commonly used phrases backstage

"Go hit yourself in the head with a 2x4."

"We're going to Beggar's/Red Robin. Are you coming?"

"Rehearsal is running late and I have so much homework."

"That's puppy puke."

"Let's pretend that worked."

"Curtain call. Everybody on stage."

"Got any food?"

"There's a buzz about this show. I hear about it in the hallways."

"Watch your profiling."

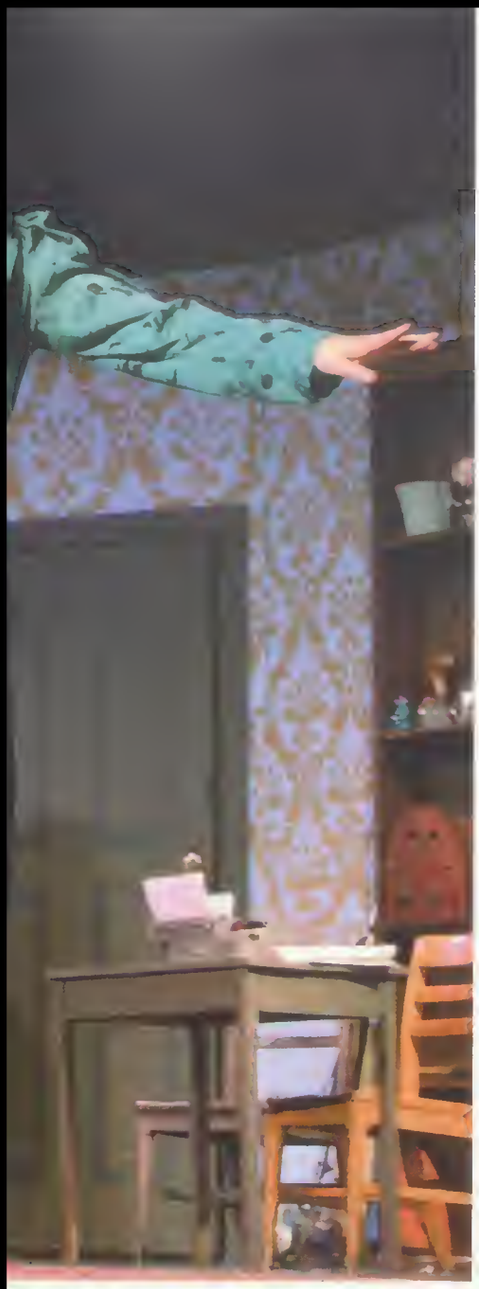
"Quiet offstage!"

source: juniors Rachel Borgo and Michael Han

IN A HEATED MOMENT ON STAGE, Morgan Papesh, sophomore, throws a feisty remark back at another character. "My character was a stuck-up, really proper actress," Morgan said. "She was always trying to prove somebody wrong."

WITH THE REST OF HIS "STAGE LEFT" FRIENDS, Nick Kiesling, senior, hangs out backstage and works as a member of the technical staff. The technical crew engaged in good-natured competition with each other, according to Nick. "We got along and worked together, but we still had a friendly rivalry between the two sides." Nick said.

IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS BACKSTAGE, Allison Hemingway, freshman, experiments with her cast mate's hair. "The atmosphere backstage while getting ready was full of energy," Allison said. "People were practicing lines or doing hair and makeup. It was all pretty crazy, and everything ended up smelling like hairspray."



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As Rachel Borgo, junior, steps on the stage, she can feel her heart pumping. The spot light shines brightly on her face and she quickly scans over the audience. After being in shows since middle school, she's no novice to the stage. However, this show, "Stage Door," marks the first show where she is undoubtedly the lead. Rachel played Terry, a struggling actress trying to make it into live theater.

"During auditions, I had only read for Terry," Rachel said. "I was really feeling the character and there was some premature bonding between everyone. I was so excited for the opportunity to play her."

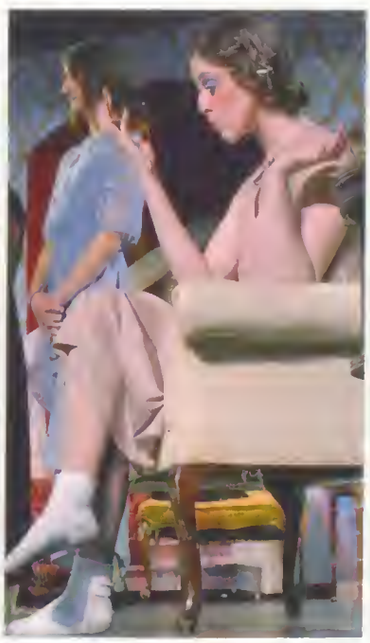
Before Rachel even stepped on stage, a technical crew never seen by the audience began to work on the detailed sets. Hannah Fischer, sophomore, collaborated with Dr. Larry Brechner, theater producer, on a vision for each scene. The carpenters brought the sketches to life. Once the walls were cut and measured, the intricate decorating began. She would often have to skip lunch and study hall to get the work done, but the finished product was worthwhile.

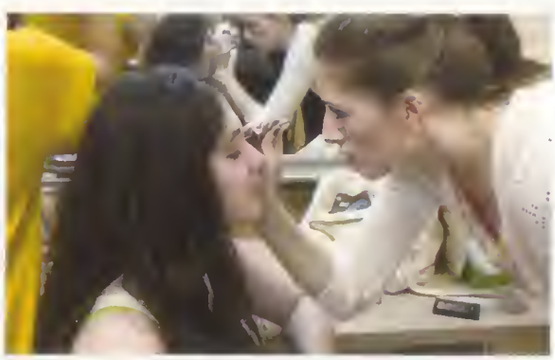
"My favorite part of designing sets would have to be seeing them on stage all finished during the performances, then have Dr. Brechner come up to me after show saying he got compliments on how the sets looked," said Hannah.

After countless rehearsals and hours of preparation, the day of performance arrived. However, the work only began for yet another "subgroup" of the theater crew. House coordinators worked to collect tickets, hand out playbills, and get the audience in and out of the theater, according to House Manager Michael Banach, senior. Michael's interest in theater kept him coming back for every show.

"I always had a fondness for live theater in general," Michael said. "Also, I enjoyed being with the people I worked with. I would say there was a feeling of accomplishment in the position."

Suddenly, the lights dimmed and the audience fell silent, waiting in anticipation. In one quick moment, the actors glided onto the stage, the technical crew signaled to the people in the sound booth, and everyone was in action.





MASCARA WAND IN HAND, Ashley Wenzel, junior, helps out backstage as a makeup artist. "For theater, the makeup was really made up. It was fun because it was different," Ashley said.

LOUNGING IN A CHAIR, Megan Miller, senior, channels her character by acting obnoxious. "My character was really self-centered and selfish," Megan said. "The attention was on another character at that moment, so she was trying to make a spectacle of herself."

FLAG TWIRL
Flag in hand, Tatiana Padilla, junior, performs during halftime. As a member of the Color Guard, she went with the band down to the State competition."Winning State was awesome because we made school history. We had an awesome show this year," Tatiana said.

EARLY BIRD
Before school, Emma Hodges, junior, practices at Orchestra. "Orchestra didn't just require morning practices," Emma said. "We also had to teach the kids from elementary and do little things to help."

MARCH ON

Marching Band's road to placing tenth at ISSMA State finals required hard work and dedication

July 25-Aug. 5: band camp from 9 am-5pm

Oct. 1: ISSMA Districts at Lewis Cass High School

Oct. 15: ISSMA Regionals at Lafayette Jefferson High School

Oct. 22: ISSMA Semi-state at Indianapolis Pike High School

Oct. 29: ISSMA State Finals at Lucas Oil Stadium

Source: charms.com

PILED UP
Buses ready and bags piled high, the Marching Band students get ready to leave for Lucas Oil Stadium, where they performed at ISSMA State Finals. The students had to get their bags checked for caffine and candy so they wouldn't be up late the night before the performance.

HIT HIGH NOTES

Fine arts clubs such as Men's and Women's Ensembles, Theater, Orchestra and Band participate in competitions and productions that show their hard work and dedication

ENSEMBLES

When blockbuster hit *The Hunger Games* hit theaters, many only appreciated the quick thinking of Katniss and Peeta. However, the Women's Ensemble (SONG) found much more meaning in the movie – its soundtrack.

For the end of the year concert, or Woody's Roundup, Mr. William Woods, choir teacher, arranged the movie's popular song "Safe and Sound" by Taylor Swift. SONG performed this number at Woody's Roundup along with the Men's Ensemble (SING).

SING and SONG consisted of 12 to 13 students who auditioned for the spot. Each ensemble met twice a week to practice songs for concerts and competitions. The two groups performed different jazz and a capella pieces.

After learning their pieces and practice, the groups were ready for Woody's Roundup.

"We hoped we would end the year on a good note," Christian said. "I was kind of sad to see it end."

THEATER

Since the age of three, Alexa Johnson, senior, has been on stage. She loves the feeling she gets on stage, whether she was dancing, singing or acting.

"I liked being on stage because I was more myself when I was the character," Alexa said. "I was more honest about who I was on stage than when I was just doing nothing."

Her final season at the Munster Theatre Company included the shows *Into the Woods*, *Stage Door* and *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. Parts in plays did not only include acting, but also production, which included set making and painting.

ORCHESTRA

After waking up in time for the 6:45 am class, practicing for hours and conquering nerves, the Orchestra performs at the ISSMA State competition, coming home with a gold medal.

"It was scary playing in front of judges, especially if you had a solo," Lauren Mintz, sophomore, said. "But it was really fun."

The Orchestra pushed through losing key seniors and found new ways to bring the group closer together, according to Edward Peng, senior.

"We had a Secret Santa, which brought together the Orchestra and brought something new to the team," Edward said.

Although Orchestra won awards, that was not the only rewarding part.

"I learned how to work with a lot of musicians and to help people on different levels," Annie Burke, junior, said

BAND

Since grade school at St. Thomas More, Matt Blocher, senior, has participated in band. After spending his last marching band season as drum major, Matt had the chance to go with the band to ISSMA State finals, where they placed tenth.

"The weekend of State Finals was my favorite part of this year's marching season," Matt said.

Along with marching band, members could also participate in jazz and pep band, where they played at various sporting events. The many bands that they could participate in made the band members a family.

SLIDE BY
Concentrated on her music, Catherine Sobilo, junior, practices before the jazz band concert. "We were playing with the professional trumpet player Kirk Garrison," Catherine said. "He soloed over all of our songs, and it was really cool to see that people could make a living off of something that I just did for fun."

TRUMP IT
During the Homecoming game, Michael Wadas, junior, performs the marching show at halftime. "I did it so any times and it wasn't a big deal," Michael said. "It was just muscle memory. You had to focus and stay concentrated. It was a balance of conscious focus and instinctive technique."

UP DO
Fixing her hair before going on stage, Bess Fary, sophomore, perfects her stage costume for *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. The show involved characters who lived during the 1960s, so the technicalities of hair and make-up differed from their everyday life.

SING OUT
At an after school practice, Steven Carahe, sophomore, and other members of the Men's Ensemble (SING) rehearse one of their various jazz pieces for Woody's Roundup. The concert allowed students to perform in the Commons in a more relaxed and fun setting.

BREAK THE ICE
On a trip with the German Club, Catherine Sobilo, junior, enjoys ice skating. "It was a really fun field trip,"Catherine said. "It was nice to be able to bond with other club members."

THINK FAST
In deep concentration, Seung Lee, freshman, contemplates how to play out her next move during a ping pong match. "Ping Pong took a lot of concentration, but it was also exciting when you had competition," Seung said.

FIESTA TIME

Throughout the year, French Club, German Club, and Spanish Club celebrated different cultural holidays through parties and field trips

1. Mardi Gras- French club gathered together wearing masks and colorful beads
2. German Market- The Club went to Chicago for the market and got a taste for German food
3. Spanish Field Trip- The Spanish Club went to a museum to broaden their views on the Spanish culture

TORTILLLA TOSS
Tortilla in hand, Tania Cordova, junior, takes part in a game during the last language party of the year. "I believed that by participating in the parties, you were not only able to learn new cultures but immerse yourself in a language," Tania said.

STIR IT UP
Gathered together, juniors Christian Fary and Anna Kanewski work to finish their snack during German class. "Well German has opened me up to a whole new culture and outlook on life," Christian said.

EAT UP
Setting out the pizza, Nathalie Kauz, sophomore, prepares to celebrate the last language party. "The year had been very successful with various activities," Nathalie said.

FUN AND GAMES

Language clubs, such as French and Spanish, immerse themselves in new cultural activities, while Ping Pong club provides students with an opportunity to compete with fellow members

FRENCH

With a new adviser, French Club members were not sure what to expect for the year. But President Calvin Sanders, sophomore, and Mr. Magrou, French teacher, worked together to organize several functions, according to Calvin.

Amoung one of those functions was the party at the beginning of the year where students ate French food such as croissants and Nutella. Students were exposed to the cultural aspect not only through the food they were introuduced to, but also through activities and field trips.

One of the field trips included stopping by the Chicago Cultural Center prior to going to the Art Museum.

"At the cultural center we got to see some people that were from France visiting," Calvin said. "After, we went to look at their art, which showed me that some people from different cultures just view the world in a different way."

CLEAN UP
Cleaning up her mess, Anna Kanewski, junior, finishes making her ginger bread house. "It was really fun and I enjoyed making the gingerbread houses because it was a way for German Club to come together and have fun," Anna said. "I ended up winning the most modern looking ginger bread house."

PING PONG

Robert Heitz, sophomore, and Ben Brodsky, senior, faced off in the first ever mid-season Singles Tournament in Ping Pong Club history.

"The mid-season tournaments, which awarded trophies and ribbons to winners, added excitement and boosted competition for all members," Ben said.

Along with allowing students to show their skills off at two tournaments, Ping Pong Club gave students a place to practice an indoor activity.

"Ping Pong Club gave them [students] recreation, fun, and laughter because it was much less competitive, so there wasn't the same amount of nervousness and stress as other sports," said Ping Pong Club advisor, Mr. James McNabney, English teacher.

As the match reached its end, Robert pulled his best trick shots which led to Ben's defeat in the five game battle.

"He was a really difficult player, and wasn't used to his type of style," Robert said. "I was nervous that he might beat me, but in the end, I just thought I had to figure out how to beat him, so I put a lot of pressure on him."

SPANISH CLUB

As they walked into a loud field for the Chicago Fire soccer game, the Spanish Club members were filled-with excitement. By watching the game, the members were able to participate in Spanish cultural activities.

"My favorite trip was the Fire Game, we went every year and it was a nice way to wrap up the year with Spanish Club and see some friends," President Emily Milojkovitvh, senior, said. "The game was a nice way to bring Spanish cultures together."

The members got a taste of Mexican food by going to restaurants such as Sabor as a field trip.

"The food was pretty tasty and their influence of food was based on several Spanish speaking countries, so it was cool to sample food from different places," Amanda Milojkovich, sophomore said.

Whether the members went to a trip or tried new food, Spanish club members were able to immerse themselves in a different culture and see things from a different point of view.

THE CHAMPIONS
After playing against tough competition, seniors Elliott Bochnowski and Ben Brodsky were victorious, taking home their trophies as double tournament champions. "I felt like I barely took a breath the entire match," Elliott said. "For those who stayed and watched, I felt like we put on a good show."

STICKY HANDS
Hands all messy, Hannah Dempsey, freshman, attempts to knead the dough to make it into a pretzel. "We were making soft pretzels for German Club because they came from Germany," Hannah said.

DOUBLE TIME

Students bring home numerous awards in DECA, Speech and Debate, and academics teams like JETS and Science Olympiad

DECA

As DECA sponsor Mr. Kent Lewis, business teacher, says before a competition, "Hard work beats talent if talent doesn't work hard."

DECA members took this saying to heart by not only showing natural abilities in business, but also studying for hours in their event. DECA played a huge role in many students and faculty's lives. Attending Internationals in Utah was a life changing experience, according to Mr. Kent Lewis.

"I liked the competing, but I liked that there was so much more than that," said Madison Switalla, freshman.

For the participants who went to internationals, the Eli Young Band concert relieved some of the anxiety plied on from the competition, according to Madison. One of the most stressful parts of DECA turned out to be the awards ceremony.

"As they were counting down to first place you were thinking 'Oh my goodness, I didn't win anything,' but then your name got called and you were really happy," said Madison.

DECA also allowed for some students to create strong bonds with others, according to Sammy Dong, junior.

"It was like one big family," Sammy said. "Everyone looked out for each other."

ROBOTICS

In only a year, the Robotics club moved from 32nd to 17th place in the list of competitors for its regional competition, making a new school record.

"We did so much better than last year, because we rushed a lot of things and did a lot of things last minute," Robotics president Charlie Pruncha, junior, said. "We got a lot more organized and did a lot better."

For the competition, the team took part in "Rebound Rumble," where the robot had to shoot basketballs into hoops while balanced on a bridge, according to Zach Kesslin, freshman. Then the teams chose alliances with other schools to help them in the event. Robotics team formed the red alliance with Fallcreek Academy from Indianapolis.

"We were the only ones singing the red alliance song," Robotics adviser, Catherine Maezikis, science teacher said. "Everybody else was screaming for the blue alliance and we were louder."

The team rallied together and supported the group until the end.

"All of our voices went out, we were screaming so loud, I couldn't talk for two hours after," Zach said.

SPEECH

With the team surrounding him, Mr. Jordan Mayer, speech coach, hoists the Ralph Lawson trophy on the auditorium stage at Fishers High School. This means that the Speech Team once again won the State championship.

"I enjoyed seeing the transformation of children going from a state of anxiety to a state of high confidence throughout the season. This metamorphosis really epitomized the whole mission of the speech team which was to help our children become confident young adults," Mr. Mayer said.

DYNAMIC DUO
In character, sophomores Judie Murez and Harry Goldenberg perform their speech piece. Harry and Judie had to portray two cancer-stricken children who used fantasy as a means of escape. "It was cool to perform because from one point we had to interpret these wacky and different characters," Judie said. "From another point we had to connect with our original characters."

As with all activities, Speech wasn't only about winning. Speech not only aimed to produce good speakers, but also to shape the individual. Speech wasn't always about winning, but it played a big part of what they do.

"I felt as if our team became closer than in years past," Natalie said. "We all worked together and fed off each other's energy, and in doing so, we were able to achieve that much more at each tournament."

SPEAK OUT
Behind the podium, Amber Kimbrough, sophomore, delivers a practice speech for debate. Amber typically debated national as opposed to state laws at tournaments. "I really liked how you got to meet new people from all over the state," Amber said.

SQUEAKY CLEAN
Madison Switalla, freshman, helps out DECA by participating in the DECA car wash. Proceeds went toward funding the DECA team. "Fundraising made competitions better because every dollar we earned gave the team money for the extra fun stuff we did as a team," Switalla said.

PROTEIN POWER
Upon finishing her work, Taylor Merkel, freshman, holds up a complex protein model which won her a gold medal at Sciene Olympiad State. "The protein started out as this long foam tube. We used a computer program called jMol to show us different structures in the protein chain and we marked them with duct tape," Taylor said. "Then we folded it all together in the correct structure of the protein."

PRACTICE TEST
Surrounded his fellow JETS members, Grant Thompson, senior, does practice problems. JETS members practiced problems in math and engineering from past competitions. "Since we were given random topics with no previous information and we had to solve the problem, it seemed like JETS prepared you for real life situations," Grant said.

HAMMER AWAY
Hammer in hand, Chris Cappo, senior, finishes tasks for Robotics Club. Robotics gave some students a notion of what jobs they might be interested in later in life. "I kind of regretted not joining Robotics Club its first year, but my favorite part was probably getting a hands-on aspect of what I would like to be doing in the future."

CLUB FUN

Bonding activities and new friendships are the highlight of club involvement

PIZZA PARTY Picking up a slice, sophomores Colleen Kifer and Zaria Suggs hang out with Speech Team members at a party. "We were one loud obnoxious family that pushed each other to succeed," Colleen said.

"We went to Cassie (Schwartz)'s house for a DECA party one time and had a ping pong tournament. It was so fun because we danced and had a great time. We all became really close after DECA. When we saw each other in the hallways, we got so excited."

–DANICA OBRADOVIC, sophomore

"Overnight meets for speech were a big bonding experience and chance to hang out and get to know each other better. It helped to have team support and it was nice to know that someone wanted you to do well."

—JABREE ELLIS, junior

FINAL PLANNING
Going over the itinerary, We the People coach Mr. Michael Gordon, social studies teacher, prepares to leave. "We the People, like the Constitution, was put together by many hands and many heads" Mr. Gordon said.

DANCE ALL NIGHT
Dancing with Kate Lasser, senior, Niko Ingoglia, sophomore, takes part in the first ever Dance Marathon put together by Student Government.

GETTING INSPIRED

Civics Club members learned about government with local public officials' visits

- ***Pete Visclosky***

(right) Indiana Senator

"I liked the authority and determination he carried with him when he spoke; it was powerful I also liked the issues he spoke about."
-Phillip Arteaga, senior

- ***Dave Uran***

(left) Crown Point mayor

"You could see that he really cared about the people and issues. He was the type of mayor who'd return your phone call personally."
-Phillip Arteaga, senior

LEAD THE PACK

Students find roles in leadership and government by participating in various clubs to compete and better the community

STU. GOV./CEC

In between homework and classes, Student Government and Class Executive Council (CEC) members worked to better the school community.

"They were able to get through it with the help of president and vice president," Mrs. Twila Marsh, Sponsor of Student Government, said.

From planning Homecoming, a dance marathon and the blood drive, students kept busy, according to Student Government President Alex Ingoglia, senior.

They also put on Battle of The Bands and the Faculty vs. Students basketball game.

"This event helped students build a life-long skill about volunteerism," Mrs. Marsh said.

WE THE PEOPLE

We the People taught captain Jack Laszlo, senior, something that will stay with him for the rest of his life.

"Learning how to become a better citizen and how our government really worked was something that was beneficial for the rest of your life," Jack said.

Also, the team won State for the sixth consecutive year and placed fifth at Nationals.

"At nationals, you were going against the best of the best," Jack said."It was definitely challenging."

William Greenlaw, junior, learned a great deal more about the Constitution.

"It really enhanced my ability to use prior research to respond to questions in an orderly manner to make it easy to understand," William said.

CIVICS CLUB

Civics Club made its debut as a club as members talked about politics and ways to contribute to the community.

To enhance their knowledge in politics, members invited U.S. Senator Pete Visclosky and Crown Point mayor David Uran to speak after school.

"It was cool because we could ask them what they thought and mention problems that were concerning us," said Vice President Walker Hedgepath, freshman. "It was important for young people to understand that these leaders were making decisions that were affecting our lives."

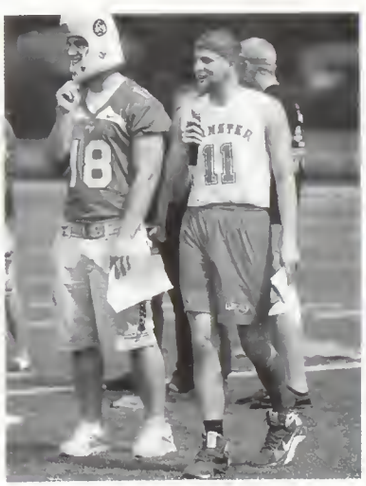
Hearing the public officials speak inspired members, according to Phillip Arteaga, senior.

"It was enthralling to see a man with power to change things speak," Phillip said.

HYPED UP
As the crowd listens in the stands, Niko Ingoglia, sophomore, shouts cheers to them. "I was really excited for the game and to be outside." Niko said.

READY, SET, GO
Standing at the starting line, seniors Jack Lazlo and Alex Meyer await the start of the three-legged race at the pep rally. "It was cool to represent your class," Jack said.

LAUGHING OUT LOUD
While shooting a commercial project, Krishna Hedge, senior, shows AJ Gauthier, junior, one of the videos gone wrong. "Making the videos brought our team closer," AJ said.



RUNNING THE SHOW
Leading the pep rally, Student Government president Alex Ingoglia, senior, talks to the crowd. "Everyone did their share in helping," Alex said.

SNAP SHOT
Snapping a photo of teammate Steven Burgwald, junior, Natalie Vick, senior, waits to get on the bus for We the People Nationals. "All 26 of us had been in class together, but traveling to D.C. brought us closer," Natalie said.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Whether writing for a publication or to express oneself in poetry, students join clubs to use the power of words

CRIER AND PARAGON

Write, edit, rewrite.

Revising one's work served as a common practice in publications. Once a story was written, almost ever other staffer reviewed it. Each person strived to edit until perfection, making the students' roles crucial.

"You would never hear me say that I created the yearbook or the newspaper," *Crier* and *Paragon* adviser, Mrs. Rebecca Hoyle, journalism teacher, said. "The students worked so hard to make their publications what they were."

The staff's work ended in much reward, according to *Crier* Associate Editor Kale Wilk, senior.

"Coming together and producing a quality product that you knew was serving the purpose of informing the students was my favorite part of being on staff," Kale said. "I also loved how it stood out nationally as a publication."

Crier and *Paragon* won awards as a staff and individually.

"Their hard work was worth it," Mrs. Hoyle said. "The job that they did at this school may seem to go unnoticed from time to time, but it was important whether they knew it or not."

Each person contributed to the publication and fulfilled their positions. From Copy Editor to Design Editor, everyone had a specific role to play in making the newspaper or yearbook.

"Even though I had the title of 'Editor-in-Chief,' I wasn't really not the most important person," *Paragon* Editor-in-Chief Parina Maniar, senior, said. "The entire staff was the reason the yearbook got made. Every single person played such an integral part, and I would be nothing without them."

POETRY CLUB

While others use drawing or music as an outlet, others used poetry. When Charlie Levin, junior, wishes to express herself, she writes a poem.

"It was nice to have somewhere where I could express things and people hear what I had to say," Charlie said.

Poetry Club included the presentation of their writing to fellow members. Charlie considered it an art. This meant Poetry Club members had to rid themselves of their stage fright and perform in front of audiences.

"If you didn't read your stuff, it wasn't real...until you actually performedit or let someone else read it," Poetry Club sponsor Mr. Keving Clyne, English teacher, said.

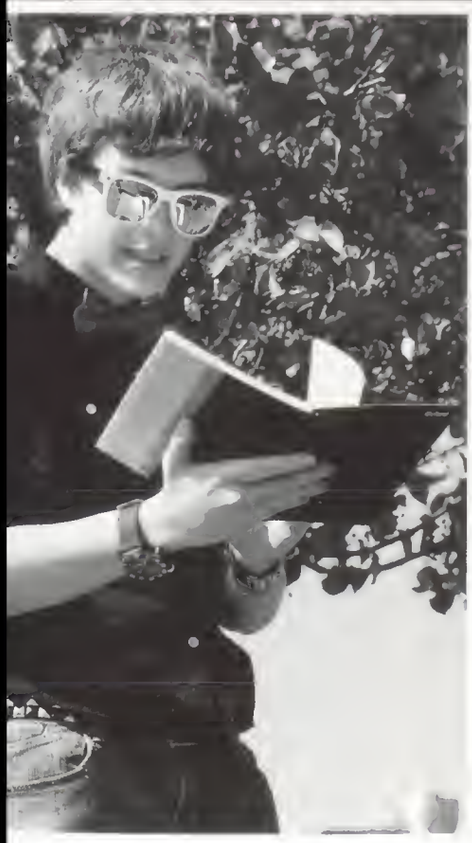
Poetry included both writing and performing.

GAME TIME
Enjoying their time off from working on the yearbook, seniors Parina Maniar and Christiann Tavitas take part in a game. "Yearbook was often tedious and time consuming, so playing games with the whole staff was a nice break and made yearbook bearable," Christiann said.

THINKING MAN
Hands on his face, Cesar Camacho, sophomore, tries to figure out his identity in a yearbook game. "We were playing a game, and I couldn't figure out the answer," Cesar said. "Everyone was laughing, but at the end, I found out the answer which was really easy."

COLOR ME HAPPY
With a feeling of accomplishment, Aamina Khan, junior, colors in her finished yearbook pages. "Whenever we submitted pages to the publisher, we would color in boxes on the ladder," Aamina said. "It was really fulfilling to step back and see how far we had gotten and how much more we had to do."

BOWL TO WIN
On a break during J-Day, Mia Torres, sophomore, bowls for *Paragon*. "When we went on trips, it was a great bonding experience," Mia said. "We had a *Paragon* vs. *Crier* bowling match, and Paragon won by one point so it was pretty intense."



FALL IN LINE
Eyes on the computers, juniors Zach Suggs and Ally Ylo work alongside their fellow staffers. "Working on yearbook after school was draining, but it was worth it once I saw the final product," Ally said.

RECITE AND RHYME
As audience members listen attentively, Charlie Levin, junior performs a sonnet called "Dominoes" on a bench outside of Frozen Yogurt Express. "Froyo was pretty ironic," Charlie said. "It was nice and open. A change of scenery was nice. Getting out of the classroom setting made Poetry Club seem like less of a class."

WINNING BIG

Paragon
- Sixth place Best in Show
- Two international Quill and Scroll winners

Crier
- Second place international Quill and Scroll
- Silver Crown
- Hoosier Star

ON THE ROAD
At a convention, Beatriz Costa-Lima, senior, still holds an editorial board meeting. "We never put *Crier* second," Beatriz said. "Even if we were on a trip, we were committed to the paper. Our dedication paid off in several awards too."

DANCE TIME
Linking arms with buddy Nicole Kohr, senior, David Hurwich, senior, prepares her for Turnabout during the Best Buddy dance. "We taught them different dances and also how to ask people to dance," David said. "Best Buddies was easily one of the most rewarding things I was ever part of."

TRICK OR TREAT
Dressed in his Halloween costume, Nick Novakovich, senior, takes part in the Best Buddies Halloween party. Students involved in Best Buddies got a chance to dress up and have a good time together at the party.

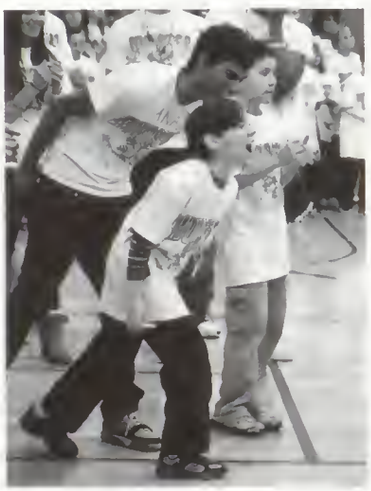
GIVINGBACK
Students give back to the community through various activities

BEST BUDDIES
Members spend time with buddies from the special needs program at parties and dances

NHS
Members tutor students in subjects they are struggling with and volunteer around the community to earn monthly service hours

PROJECT X
Members help out around the community by volunteering to recycle, pick up trash and work at various events

sources: sophomores Nathalie Kauz and Anna Stooksbury and Rachel Chen, junior



LOUD AND PROUD
Cheering a made-up cheer, Anas Farooq, senior, and a Snowflurry participant take part in an activity. Students helped out at Snowflurry for Project X and NHS for volunteer hours.

SWEET TALK
At the Best Buddies ice cream social, juniors Ben Gonzalez and Joe Hemingway eat ice cream and converse with each other. "The ice cream social was one of events set up by the club," Ben said. "The buddies got to meet and talk to other students. It was a way for them to hang out with other kids the same way the rest of us do."

GAME TIME
Chasing after each other, Caley Mintz, senior, and Vanessa Newell, sophomore, play a game at the Best Buddies Halloween party together. Best Buddies put together multiple events for the members and buddies to spend time together.

GIVING BACK

Students involved in National Honor Society, Project X and Best Buddies volunteer around the community and give back to others

NHS

One by one, they signed their names into the book and accepted a lit candle. On May 17, 20120, the National Honor Society (NHS) inducted their newest members.

To join NHS students had to earn a 3.25 GPA at the end of first semester of junior or senior year. They then had to verify their community service of a minimum of 30 hours.

"I wanted to fight the stereotype that smart kids were not involved in extra curricular activities," NHS sponsor, Miss Valerie Pflum, math teacher said.

NHS completed a total of 30 hours of volunteer work for the year. Members volunteered at various places including the Human Society and Munster Parks and Recreation Department. NHS members also helped out by tutoring other students.

PROJECT X

Through volunteering their time, Project X members helped to better the community.

"It was challenging and rewarding," Project X sponsor Ms. Alyssa Rodriguez, math teacher, said. "Challenging because there were a lot of students and rewarding because you got community"

Project X helped the community by raising money for leukemia and cystic fibrosis. They also won an award for the peanut butter drive they organized.

"I got to help people while in Project X," Katie Bobalik, freshman said. "I also learned various ways to help out my community. It was a good experience and I enjoyed it."

Each year brought something different and memories that members wouldn't forget.

"Being able to help people was memorable," Charles DeCesaris, freshman said. "There was no feeling like knowing that you did good for somebody."

BEST BUDDIES

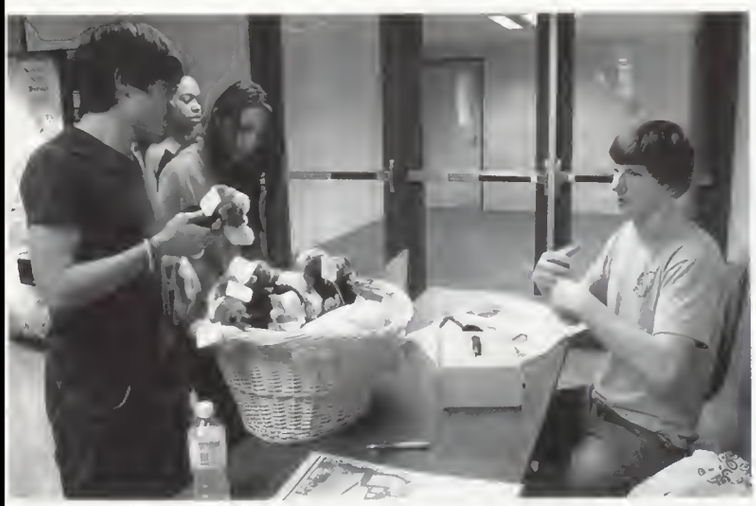
Although students are usually the ones to learn from teachers, Best Buddies reverses the typical roles of teacher and student.

"My students taught me a lot more than I taught them," Mr. Brent Barton, sponsor of Best Buddies, said.

Best Buddies was created so people with disabilities and people without disabilities could learn from each other, according to Mr. Barton.

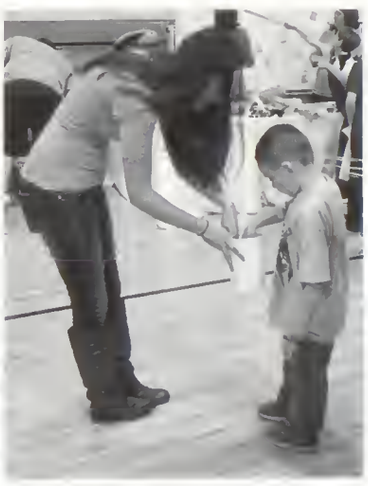
Members spent time with the buddies by watching movies, going out to eat and attending dances together.

"I learned from the buddies to be very patient, forgiving, and to not take things personal," Kaylie said. "They were so sweet and they appreciated you time or activity even if it was just for as little as half an hour."



PUPPY LOVE
Practicing his sales pitch, David Straka, senior, sells puppies for NHS to benefit cancer research. "We were selling them for the Community Hospital at five dollars each," David said. "Valentine's Day was coming up, so I was telling people they would be great gifts."

WARM FUZZY
Having just finished putting "warm fuzzies" on each other's necklaces, Olivia Askew, sophomore, and a Snowflurry participant wait for the next activity to begin. Participants gave each other a "warm fuzzy" while also giving them a compliment. Students who attended Snowflurry created close bonds with the kids who participated in the event by playing games and taking part in various activities.



HELPING HAND
Working the bag game, Mary Skurka, senior, assists a young boy wanting to play at the St. Thomas More Funfest. "I had always enjoyed volunteering," Mary said. "It made me happy to help others. I chose to help out at the St. Thomas More Funfest because I liked working with children."

ACADEMIC TEAM

(front row) Elliot Bochnowski, Julian Everett, Sam Dong, Justin Lee, Miesha Severinov, Tom Vanko *(second row)* Colin Richter, Garrett Zuck, Grant Doctor, AJ Gauthier, Grant Thompson, Chris Markovich *(third row)* Brad Kaptur, Sean Nolan, Akhilseh Mishra, Rohan Chatterjee, Joe Yurek, Luis Dominguez *(back row)* Tom Yurek, Matthew Mavity, Nick Anderson, William Greenlaw, Parina Maniar, Collin Henson, Daniel Opperman

ACADEMIC TEAM

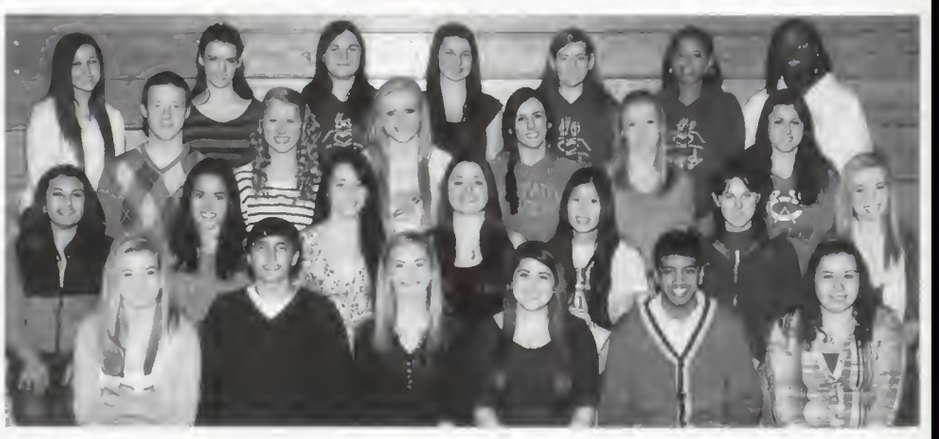
(front row) Valerie Niemiec, Jessica Avina, Paulina Kawalec, Julissa Quintanilla, Jazmine Torres, Tola Ibikunle *(second row)* Andy Chen, Charles DeCesaris, Kimberly Wang, Taylor Merkel, Joanna Pugh, Kaylie Starkey, Ishani Sharma *(third row)* Akash Shah, Ameera Minhas, Sarah Mathew, Neeta Patwari, Michelle Pietruszka, Lester Blumberg *(back row)* Ana Dominguez, Shalini Kumar, Vijay Narayan, Chetan Chauhan, Bala Chockalingham, Kyle Lee, Kevin Fuhs

ASL

(front row) Jenni Hlebasko, Kristen Hines, Sarah Kinser, Morgan Stahl, Melissa Stone, Connor Fleming *(second row)* Hannah Fus, Angela Rokosz, Mary Katherine Van Sipma, Taylor Kmak, Joanna Pugh, Taylor Brozovic *(third row)* Lindsay Rozynek, Mitch Leslie, Brandon Mitchell, Cydnee Cruz, Monica Lee, Molly Giacomuzzi *(back row)* Michael Han, Zach Strbjak, Peter Karnezis, John Beckman, Ben Gonzalez, Johnathan Panos, Kristina Stepanovic

ASL

(front row) Madeline Kasper, Daniel Riggs, Morgan Kaptur, Jessica Ivetich, Kelan Harish, Tatiana Cruz *(second row)* Shalini Kumar, Ana Dominguez, Alisha Maiolo, Casey Griffin, Anna Ackerman, Belinda Oberman, Mackenzie Kasper *(third row)* Travis Frank, Madyson Moyer, Ashley Suda, Caitlin Curran, Kaitlyn Taylor, Jessica Wargo *(back row)* Valierie Niemiec, Tori Miller, Analiese Corey, Jessika Majszak, Deanna McPartlan, Brittany Smith, Amber Scott



ART CLUB

ACTIVITIES: CHAIRish the Children Event, Face Painting

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ART CLUB

(front row) Michelle Ruiz, Emily Balassone, Alysia Thomas, Emily Rada, Kathleen Gonzales *(second row)* Stephanie Pallay, Emily Anderson, Nayelly Garcia, Manar Odtallah, Alexis Monthie, Zoe Munoz *(back row)* Hayley Morris, Aundrella Held, Amanda Milojkovitch, Megan Stone, Cathy Lebryk, Megan O'Brien

AUDITORIUM STAFF

(front row) Chelsea **(last name unreadable)**, Allison Hemingway, Amanda Brazzle, Helena Jancosek, Dana Owens, Domeneque Geron, Belinda Oberman *(second row)* Katie Gajewski, Hannah Fus, Craig Popovich, Carly Levin, Martina Trivunovic, Maria Karamichos, Colleen Kifer *(third row)* Ana Johnson, George Jurincie, Jake Bobeck, Marko Lekic, Matthew Cappo, Charles McCharmicael, Hannah Fischer *(back row)* Tim Wittkamp, Mike DellaRocco, Kevin Yurasovich, Ben Mecyssine, Christopher Cappo, Tom Yurek, Michael Banach

BEST BUDDIES

PRESIDENT: Tania Cordova
VICE PRESIDENT: Lucas Gonzalez
ACTIVITIES: Halloween Party, Friendship Walk, Ice Cream Socials

(front row) Mira Culic, Jorge Medina, Jonathan Pasyk, Max Lundin, Lindsay Spyrka, Joann Wakefield *(second row)* Madyson Moyer, Maritza Garcia, Anna Stooksburg, Priya Shah, Amanda Milojkovitch, Taylor Brozovic, Sylvie Kristoff *(third row)* Ana Johnson, Ashley Suda, Trisha Madura, Bridget Anderson, Annie Burke, Joanna Pugh *(fourth row)* Courtney Weinberg, Jung Kim, Alexis DeLuna, Kendall Goldberg, London Borom, Erin Chant, Priya Pierie *(back row)* Kyle Ruckert, Caley Mintz, Erin Lusk, Jill Rademacher, Hallie Peilet, Ben Nichols, Conor Taylor, Ben Gonzalez

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BEST BUDDIES

(front row) Kim Pruim, Taylor Bandura, Lucas Gonzalez, Abbey Herald, Tania Cordova *(second row)* Alyssa Sheets, Nick Redman, Liana Varjabedian, Parin Patel, Nicole Kohl *(back row)* Jess Pruim, Danielle Conger, Kaylie Starkey, Nathan Matthews,Vanessa Newell, Caley Mintz

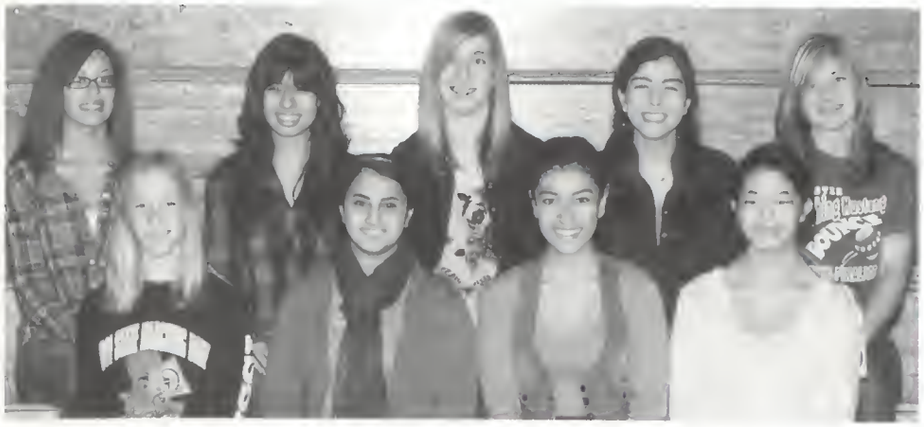
CHESS CLUB

(front row) David Vogel, Akash Shah

CIVICS CLUB

PRESIDENT: Collin Henson

(front row) Roxie Pugh, Melissa Vlahu, Collin Henson, Sean Nolan, Brian Banach, Azad Neupane *(second row)* Matt Sellberg, Nick Armor, Michael Banach, Walker Hedgepath, Tom Yurek, Christopher Cappo



COLOR GUARD

CAPTAIN: Kelly Ballard

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: Beatriz Costa-lima
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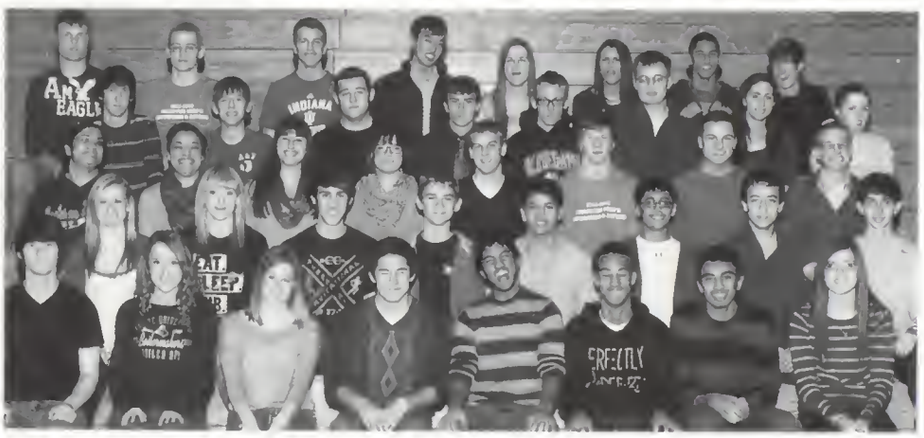

DECA

PRESIDENT: Krishna Hegde
VICE PRESIDENT: Lucas Gonzalez

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- Write and edit rough
- Write and edit final
- Shoot all photos
- Write info graphics
- Page editor designs pages
- Pages editors build pages
- Edit all final pages
- Send them to printing company
- Paper arrives Friday morning
- Sell to every study hall

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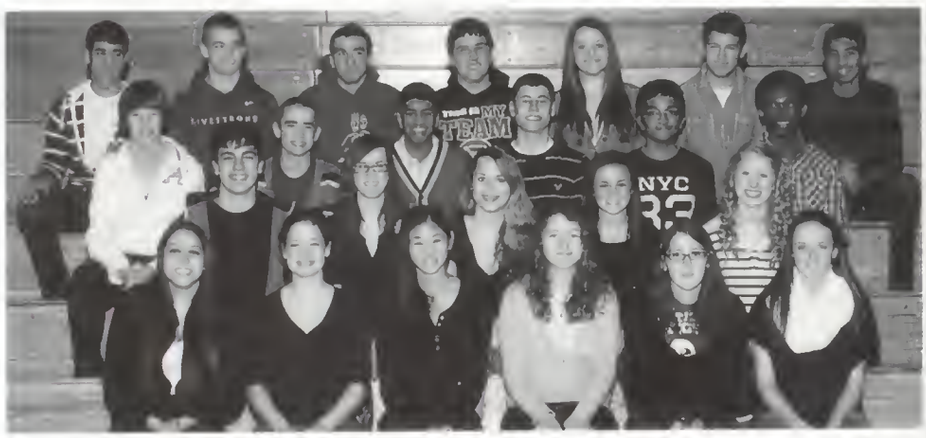

ALL STRIKES
Checking her score before taking her second turn to bowl, Judie Muhrez, sophomore, prepares to hit her remaining pins at the DECA Bowl-a-thon. "The Bowl-a-thon was a great way to raise money for our team," Judie said. "It was fun to be with my friends and see other people that I didn't see very often."

MONEY MATTERS

DECA members have various events to raise money as well as to bond as a team

- **DECA Bowl-a-thon** to fundraise for competition
- **Munster Mustang face tattoos** for the Homecoming Game to fundraise for competition
- **Candy Cane grams** during the week before Winter Break to fundraise for competition

DECA

(front row) Emily McNicholas, Roxie Pugh, Kathleen Gonzalez, Elena Piech, Chelsey Wallace, Kate Lasser, Zahra Bhoy *(second row)* Maya Portillo, Sam Barilla, Cassidy Schwartz, Judie Muhrez, Melissa Tepperman, Ari Chioros, Allison Mudro *(back row)* Sarah Webster, Sidarth Singh, Ben Marcus, Daniel Riggs, Emily Bochnowski, Jessica Ivetich, Rachel Corradin, Emma Hong

FRENCH CLUB

PRESIDENT: Kate Lasser, Niki Griggs
ACTIVITIES: Cheese Party, Crepe Party

(front row) Tiffany Troumouliaris, Siddharth Divakaruni, Jessica Reddy, Lorena Alvarado, Lucas Milkovich, Jake Brown, Fareesa Siddiqui, Nathalie Kauz *(second row)* Phillip Arteaga, Sidarth Singh, Parin Pate, Liana Varjabedian, Renee Rumas, Kelly Russell, Maggie Cole, Mykaela Burton *(third row)* Hannah Fischer, Nick Milkovich, Delilah Owens, Annie Burke, Emma-Sarah Stephens, Emily Kaniewski, Laine Sroge, Anna Kaniewski *(fourth row)* Luis Dominguez, Kevin Spork, Emily Whitaker, Jessie Palma, Monica Lee, Alison Reba, Erin Chant, Collin Henson *(back row)* Cydnee Cruz, Evan Shmagranoff, Nadia Radowick, Alex Collison, Michael Han, Eashan Kumar, Steven Caraher, Ben Mecyssine, Michael Pukoszek

FRENCH CLUB

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FRENCH PHRASES

French club members use common French sayings to communicate with other students

- ***Oh mon dieu*** - Oh my God
- ***Dieu merci c'est vendredi*** - Thank God it's Friday
- ***Je m'appelle...*** - My name is...
- ***Excusez-moi*** - Excuse me
- **Je ne comprends pas** - I don't understand
- **Parlez-vous anglais?** - Do you speak English?
- **Comment allez-vous?** - How are you?
- ***Enchanté*** - Pleased to meet you

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FRENCH CLUB

(front row) Colleen Lusk, Katie Lasser, Chelsey Wallace, Zoe Munoz, Carly Kennedy, Brooke Winter, Helena Jancosek, Tatiana Padilla *(second row)* Kathleen Gonzales, Gillian Urbaniak, Katarina Ivanovic, Pam Wangmingsuk, Roxie Pugh, Hannah Villeroman, Ashley Hwang, Mia Torres *(third row)* Amelia Georgas, Elah Brooks, Stephanie Pallay, Ana Dominguez, Olivera Todorovic, Briana Dittmer, Revati Kalluri, Shalini Kumar *(fourth row)* Hanhuang Yao, Chelsea Eickleberry, Carly Levin, Aebesh De, Kailey Kawalec, Lauren Oesterle, Bethany Patrana, Sammy Dong *(back row)*Nikki Mammano, Andrew Moll, Jessica Lapa, Richard Cox, Conrad Navarro, Kelly Bershader, Valerie Niemic, Ariana Koultourides, Lisa Raddatz

FRESHMEN CEC

ACTIVITIES: Designed Homecoming t-shirts

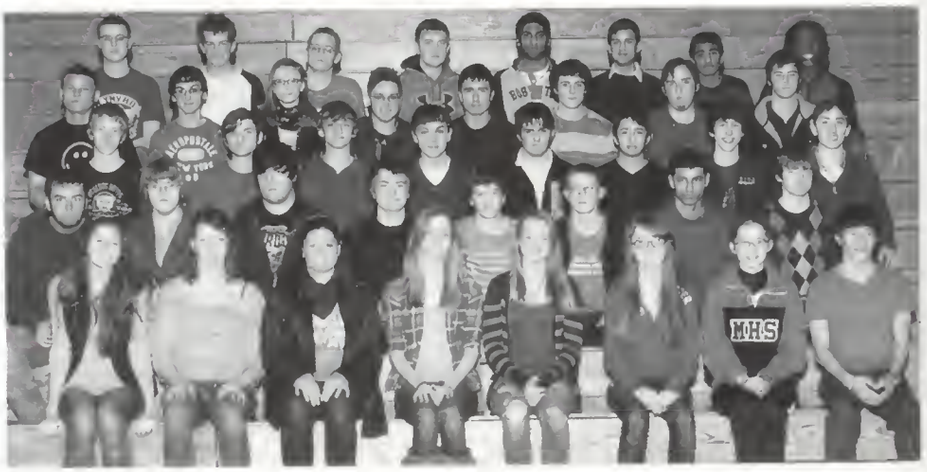
(front row) Casey Terry, Maureen Doherty, Allison Hemingway, Kathleen Gonzales

GERMAN CLUB

PRESIDENT: Matt Sellburg

VICE PRESIDENT: Christian Fary

(front row) Lauren Macadlo, Emily Kaniewski, Anna Kaniewski, Becky Seligman, Alissa Kowalski, Lisa Arndt, Catherine Ardnt, Noah Villoroman (*second row*) Thomas Yurek, Nick Anderson, Austin Melder, Casey Terry, Samuel Rosser, Seth Weston, Jyotshal Ghimire, Thomas Speranza (*third row*) Beth Kessler, Joshua Peters, Michael Peters, Christian Fary, Matthew Cappo, Alex Roquena, Miesha Severinov, Phillip Arteaga (*fourth row*) Joey Sonaty, Nikola Lukic, Alica Lange, Kale Wilk, Nick Kiesling, Christopher Cappo, Matt Sellberg, Samuel Smith (back row) Matt Blocher, Sean Hasse, Alec Thompson, Eric Swingler, Sahib Singh, Ian Clark, Eashan Kumar, William Greenlaw



COME TOGETHER

German Club takes various field trips to gain a better understanding of the language and culture

- Went down to Chicago to ***ice skate***
- Took *a* trip to Chicago to participate in a ***Waltz dancing lesson***
- Went to ***Christkindlesmarket in Daley Plaza*** in Chicago

source: Kale Wilk, senior

TASTE OF CULTURE

Deciding which condiment to choose for her bratwurst, Emma Prucha, freshman, discovers German food at the Christkindlesmarket in Daley Plaza in Chicago. "I liked German Club field trips because they let me learn about a country without leaving home," Emma said.

GERMAN CLUB

(*front row*) Catherine Sobilo, Emma Prucha, Nicole Mielnicki, Hannah Villaroman, Joe Drzich, Prabhneet Girn, Aaron Schlossberg, Julia Adams (*second row*) Sarah Webster, Nathalie Kauz, Fareesa Siddiqui, Mariana Rogers, Andrew Moll, Mira Culic, Kate Lasser (*third row*) Zorana Blagojevic, Jocelyn Gonzalez, Jeff Wieser, Sidarth Singh, Daniel Riggs, Ari Chioros, Judie Muhrez, Allison Mudro (*fourth row*) T.J. Wiess, Siddarth Divakaruni, Allison Hemingway, Nicole Smith, Abigail Poerio, Brittany Neuak, Amber Caldwell, Chloe Sannito (*back row*) Zack Eismin, Cathy Lebryk, Rachel Markowicz, Neeta Patwari, Katie Long, Angelica Timar, Carly Levin, Martina Trivunovic

JAZZ BAND

ACTIVITIES: Jazz festival, performed at concerts

(*front row*) Catherine Oesterle, Mary Kujawski, Clayton St. Martin, Martina Trivunovic, Catherine Sobilo (*second row*) Andrew Moll, Jeremy Murphy, Craig Popovich, Carly Levin, Jesse Palma, Kayeton Wozniak (*third row*)Marko Lekic, Levi Sasek, Mary Strong, Garrett Zuck, Milos Trivunovic, Matt Pruim, Greg Moya (*fourth row*) Evan Fus, Matt Blocher, Josh Morris, Michael Peters, Michael Wadas, Michael Pukoszek, John Kapitan, Ziyad Kraft, (*back row*) Andrew Dorn, Jack Bauer, Michael Litswiller, Matt Blocher, Sean Hasse, Chris Sperenza, Jonathan Jercha, Billy McDunn

JUNIOR CEC

ACTIVITIES: Planned prom

(*front row*) Maggie Szakacs, Colleen Ogren, Ben Gonzalez, Caitlin Curran (*back row*) Hallie Peilet, Paige Heuer, Liana Varjabedian, Kendall Goldberg

PARTY TIME

The club hosts parties and activities after school to mingle with fellow members

- Had a traditional ***Oktoberfest*** dinner in the food court
- As the winter season neared, the club made ***gingerbread houses***
- The club kneaded and twisted dough to form a ***pretzel***

source: Kale Wilk, senior

GERMAN GRUB

Club members get a taste for German food

- **Wiener schnitzel:** breaded viel cutlet
- **Bratwurst:** bratwurst
- **Bretzeln:** pretzels
- **Apfel strudel:** apple strudel
- **Sachertorte:** chocolate cake

source: Kale Wilk, senior

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MEN'S ENSEMBLE

(front row) Michael Wadas, Daniel Straka, Thomas Speranza, Zachary Liesenfelt, Lester Blumberg, Calvin Sanders (back row) Tim Wittkamp, Michael Han, Steven Caraher, Jim Raynor, Christian Fary, David Straka, Ron Paul check

NHS

PRESIDENT: Zak Kulam

VICE PRESIDENT: Alex Ingoglia

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NHS

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NHS

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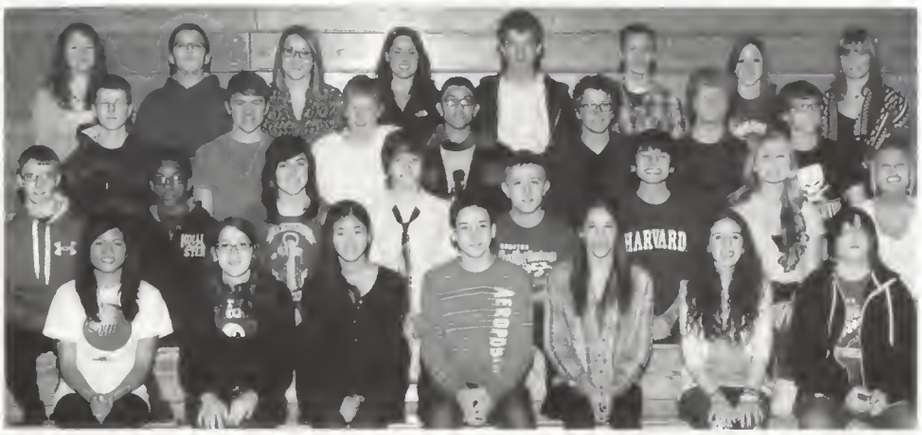
MARCHING BAND

AWARDS: Ranked 10th in State, Gold Rating at ISSMA Regional, Gold Rating at ISSMA Districts, First Place at Twin Lakes Invitational

(front row) George Vlahos, Erik R. Rhodes, Garrett Zuck, Luis A. Dominquez, Emily Whitaker, Emma-Sarah Stephens, Rebekah Hart, Marko Lekic *(second row)* Jesse Palma,CHECK!! Levi Sasek OR (Vito Corleone), Hannah Fus, Arlo Detmer, Ziyad Kraft, Joshua Peters, Austin Medler, Mary Strong *(third row)* Matt Sellberg, Matt Cappo, Michael Pukoszek, John Kapitan, Monica Lee, Devin Zuck, Michael Peters, Michael Wadas *(fourth row)* Cydnee Cruz, Courtnee Cruz, Joshua Morris, Christopher Cappo, Evan Fus, Chris Wright, Billy McDunn, George Asya-Broughton *(back row)* Johnathan Lemke, Michael Litwiller, Christian Markey, Dylan Ozug, Matthew Blocher, Tanner Kuehn, Chris Speranza, Jonathan Jercha



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HELPING OUT

National Honor Society members volunteer at various events to earn service hours

- ***Annual Arts and Craft Fair*** Dec. 2
- ***Daddy Daughter Date Night*** Feb. 4
- ***Elliott Elementary Fun Fair*** March 16
- ***American Legion Oratory*** Jan. 29
- ***FAME festival at Merrillville High School*** March 10

source: NHS sponsor Ms. Valeria Pflum, math teacher

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PEP BAND

ACTIVITIES: Played at every home Varsity Girls' and Boys' Basketball game

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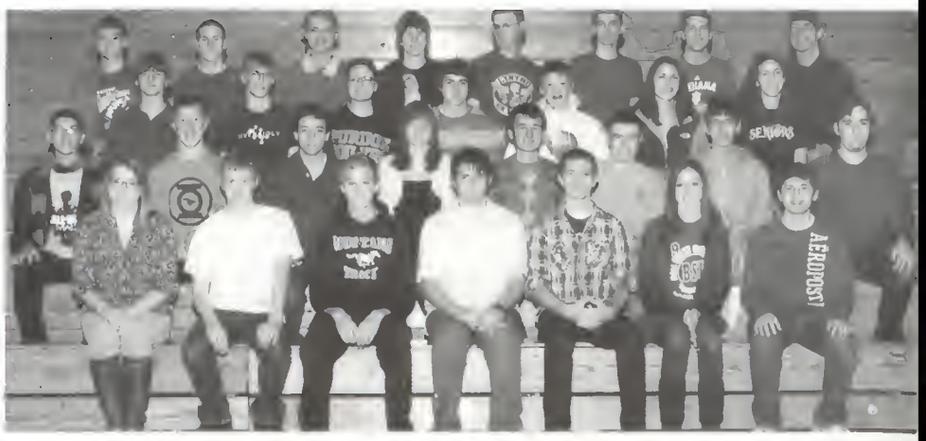

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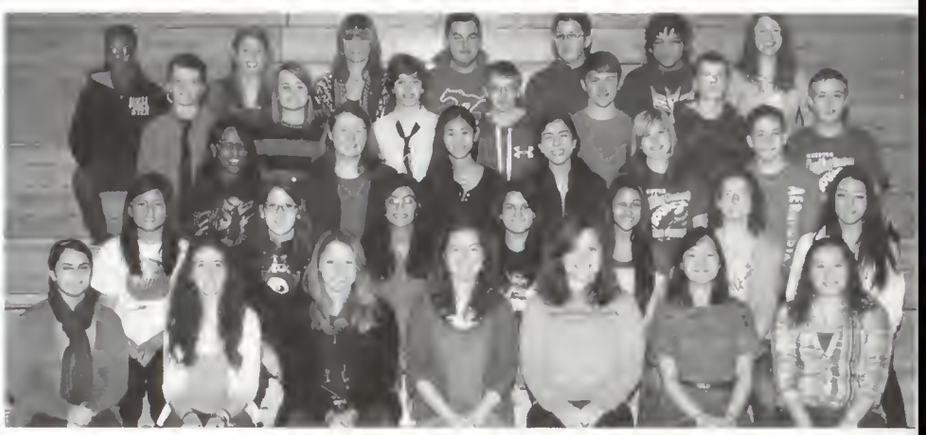


PING PONG

*(front row)*Andy Chen, Lindsay Spyrka, Amanda Milojkovitch, Alexis Monthie, Emily Rada, Kathleen Gonzales, Noah Schlossberger *(second row)* Allison Hemingway, Natalie Vellutini, Brittany Barajas, Madyson Moyer, Daniel Riggs, Sripad Kodukula, Dan Green *(third row)* Melissa Hajduch, Miles Gunty, John Avila, Miesha Severinov, Phillip Arteaga, Tom Vanko, Bryan Dublak *(fourth row)* Billy McDunn, Rohan Chatterjee, Saptarshi Chakraborty, Arthur Carey, Rachel Jamrose, Conor Taylor, Nicole Plewniak, Jimmy Eaton *(back row)* Robert Heitz, Jonathan Lemke, Matthew Mavity, Marty O'Shaughnessy, Saam Mojtahed, Casey Terry, Alex Baker, Kayetan Wozniak

STAYING SANE

Working late nights and weekends, Paragon staff memebers create new ways to keep awake and focused

PLAYLIST

Instead of sitting in silence, Paragon played various songs to help boost up the atmosphere

- **"On the Floor,"** Jennifer Lopez feat. Pitubull
- **"We Found Love,"** Rihanna feat. Calvin Harris
- **"Dance,"** Big Sean
- **"Ninjas in Paris,"** Jay-Z feat. Kanye West
- **"This Is How We Do It,"** Montell Jordan
- **"Memories,"** David Guetta

GOODEATS

Paragon ordered various types of food in order to fulfill their late night appetite after hours

- Potbelly's
- Wendy's
- Panera Bread
- Taco Bell
- Dairy Queen

STARSNACKS

Staff members showed their skills by bringing in snacks to enjoy

Tessa's Red Velvet Cupcakes

Kale's Crownies

Ally's Pepper Jam Dip

Christiann's Fun-fetti Cupcakes

Anyone's Chocolate Chip Cookies

ORCHESTRA

AWARDS: Gold rating at ISSMA Districts for 3 large ensembles

(front row) Charles DeCesaris, Chetan Chauhan, Bala Chockalingam, Olivia Blakeley, Lisa Raddatz, Chris Newman, Justin Lee, Kyle Lee *(second row)* Morgan Stahl, Melissa Strohl, Katie Long, Jessie Palma, Cat Oesterle, Ellen Scoleri, Megan Sellberg, Kim Szymkowski *(third row)* Katie Gajewski, Anne Burke, Catherine Tavitas, Ellie Dorn, Allison Cunningham, Emily Kaniewski, Anna Kaniewski, Hannah Fus *(fourth row)* Nick Cossyleon, Christian Fary, Colin Richter, Rathnam Vekat, Emmanuel Lopez, Alex-Sotroipoulos, Vijai Dharla, Saptarshi Chakraborty *(back row)* Kale Wilk, Ryan Heuer, Ed Peng, Sean Hasse, Andrew Dorn, Deepa Devanathan, Sam Punday, George Jurincie

ORCHESTRA

(front row) Zahra Bhoy, Tatiana Cruz, Rachel Borgo, Caroline Beckman, Elaine Zmuda, Bess Fary, Rohini Kalluri, Maritza Garcia *(second row)* Martina Trivunovic, Lena Storino, Jhoanna Sadural, Millica Vezmar, Emma Hodges, Nicole Mielnicki, Kimberly Wang *(third row)* Allison Mudro, Amanda Martin, Deeva Khatiwada, Domeneque Geron, Emma Hong, Maya Portillo, Rachel Chen *(fourth row)* Cristina Lopez, Maddie Sharmat, Ishani Sharma, Carly Levin, Victoria Avina, Asia Benson, Priasha Iyer, Ana Johnson *(back row)* Alexa Johnson, Tessa Faubion, Laurel Curran, Jorge Medina, Emma Nossem, Nathalie Kauz, Jessica Avina, Haley Moles, Revati Kalluri

PARAGON

EDITOR IN CHIEF: Parina Maniar
DESIGN EDITOR: Christiann Tavitas
AWARDS: 6th Place Best In Show NSPA, 1st Place Theme Quill and Scroll, 1st Place Club Spread Quill and Scroll

(front row) Beatriz Costa-Lima, Ally Ylo, Aamina Khan, Maritza Garcia, Mia Torres *(second row)* Liz Lanman, Colleen Jones, Erin Lusk, Priya Pierie, Christiann Tavitas *(back row)* Tessa Crull, Adam Arnold, Kyle Burczak, Parina Maniar, Maggie Thomas

CODEWORDS

Sayings used everyday by staff members can be confusing for others

photog: *(noun)* short for photographer

Pub: *(noun)* short for Publications, room where staffs meet to work

widow: *(noun)* in a column of text, the end line where it doesn't go half-way into the column

yerd: *(noun)* a coined term of journalists; a yearbook nerd

OLDCUSTOMS

Each year, staff members carried out traditions that create memories

Secret Santa: the week before winter break each member gets and gives gifts for each other

Photosaurus: the stuffed yellow dinosaur sits in the entrance of the dark room, donning a stylish jean jacket

Ladder Coloring: after each deadline, each writer colors in their finished pages on the ladder

Two Truths and a Lie: a game played when new members join; each person writes down two truths about themselves and one lie; the entire staff decides which is the lie

Pub Birthdays: each time any staff member has a birthday, everyone brings in baked goods and treats to celebrate

Source: Paragon Staff

ALL FOR ONE

POETRY CLUB

PRESIDENT: Carly Levin
CO-PRESIDENT: Lisa Slavo

(front row) Lisa Slavo, Chelsea Eickleberry, Kiera Misley, Elah Brooks, Michelle Ruiz, Roxie Pugh (back row) Daniel Riggs, Victoria Avina, Carly Levin, Ben Nichols, Risa Christopher, Joel Delgado, Angel Jimenez

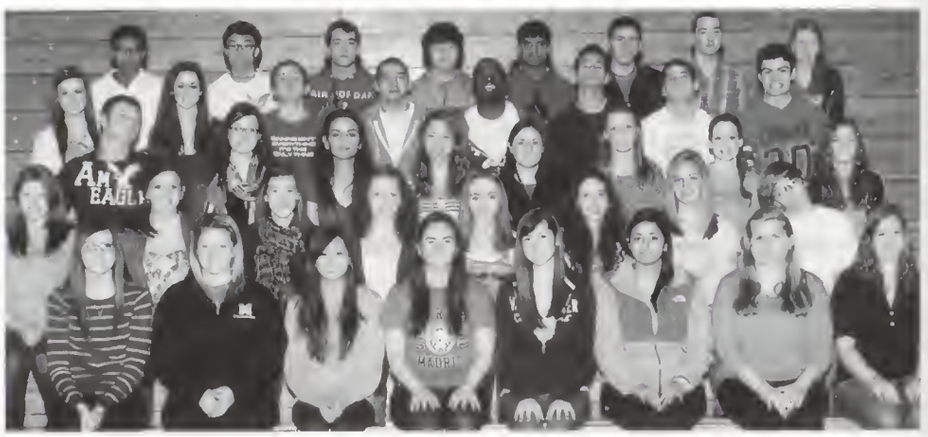
PROJECT X

OFFICERS: Kailey Kawalec, Brad Kaptur, Aaron Cunningham, Cynthia Rumas, Thomas Yurek, Benjamin Bechar, Sean Nolan

(front row) Azad Neupane, Jocelyn Gonzalez, Zorana Blagojevic, Maggie Gerner, Casey Boelt, Morgan Kaptur, Kailee Loughlin, Zaria Suggs (second row) Kailey Kawalec, Charles DeCesaris, Andy Chen, Jolie Watson, Hannah White, Alyssa Heeter, Bridget Pruzin, Emma Hong (third row) Bridget Anderson, Paige Heuer, Alex Megremis, Kyle Lee, Bala Chockalingam, Joe Yurek, Alex Balkor, Alison Reba (fourth row) Ben Gonzalez, Jack Laszlo, Alexander Gauthier, Jonathan Pasyk, Andrew Getting, Ashley Suda, Trisha Madura, Parin Patel (back row) Tom Yurek, Michael Banach, Sean Nolan, Natalie Vick, Gabby Ramirez, Bernadette Grabowski, David Trivunovic, Phillip Arteaga

PROJECT X

(front row) Danica Obradovic, Annilee Taylor, Rachel Chen, Emily Milojkovitch, Amanda Milojkovitch, Katy Arteaga, Megan O'Brien, Rachel Markowicz (second row) Taylor Merkel, Emma Nossem, Calli Chafin, Laruel Demkovich, Bess Fary, Allison Levin, Emily Whitaker, Keuynee Sjark (third row)Alex Reinsma, Erin Chant, Priya Pierie, Nathalie Kauz, Dayna Van Woert, Courtney Weinberg, Erin Harvath, Sydney Kawalec (fourth row) Morgan Boyd, Annie Burke, Bart Grabowski, Christian Leonakis, Chimez Okolocha, Miguel Flores, Joe Pierson, Brett Szafasz (back row) Ronak Tilua, Josh Kong, Jesse Bizuzian, Jung Kim, Roshan Tilua, Steven Eloisa, Nick Riley, Jessica Dickeson



VOLUNTEER WORK

To complete volunteer hours, Project X members participate in a number of activities

HELPING OUT AT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Members pick up litter around town while following a certain route.

ASSISTING ELDERLY AT MUNSTER MED INN

Members spend time with residents by playing Bunco and painting nails.

VOLUNTEERING AT FUN FAIRS

Members help out at fun fairs in the area by directing kid's games and activities.

RECYCLING ON WEDNESDAYS

Members are assigned a hallway and collect the contents from its recycling bins. When collected, they are taken to the recycling dumpster outside.

Source: Rachel Chen, junior

PROJECT X

(front row) Kaitlyn Taylor, Casey Griffin, Maya Portillo, JadeBroadnax, Emma-Sarah Stephens, Rilee Whitaker, Elaina Etter, Sarah Sharpe (second row) Nathan Kondamuri, T.J. Wiess, Brittany Barajas, Brad Kaptur, Tom Yurek, Andrew Moll, Caitlin Curran, Jessica Wargo (third row) Danielle Szewka, Katie Bobalik, Vince Pacatang, Alex Wisniewski, Benjamin Marcus, Kendra Brown, Ana Johnson, Max Baker (fourth row) Ameera Minhas, Sarah Mathew, Salony Dighamber, Julia Adams, Mary Kujawski, Jesse Palma, Priasha Iyer, Ishani Sharma (back row) Cathy Lebryk, Richard Parra, Patrick Burke, Michael Jackson, Savannah Kurgan, Nikki Mammano, Karina Chavez, Carly Levin

PROJECT X

(front row) Morgan Stahl, Kristina Stepanovic, Lindsay Rozynek, Jessica Avina, Mia Torres (second row)Rachel Corradin, Kelan Harish, Pam Muangmingsuk, Paulina Kawalec, Tatiana Padilla, Maggie Szakacs (third row) Lindsay Spyrka, Julie Ridder, Kasey Kulesa, Kimberly Wang, Brianna Dittmer, Rebecca Karnezis, Elena Piech (fourth row) Jonathan Azar, Christine Matthews, Angela Rokosz, Mitch Leslie, Mary Skurka, Amy McCullough, Ben Becher, Jessica Ivetich (back row) Aleksandra Gasich, Sydney Gunty, Allison Wisniewski, Gina Catania, Aaron Cunningham, Tania Cordova, Sam Barilla, Nicole Plewniak

ROBOTICS

PRESIDENT: Tom Yurek
VICE PRESIDENT: Charlie Prucha

(front row) John Filic, Mariah Saucedo, Melissa Vlahu, Brianna Ditmer, Emma Prucha, Vrusha Patel (second row) Clayton St. Martin, Andy Mendoza, Raskirth Singh, Omnya Zaman, Liz Talley, Alyssa Comer, Addison Bryce (third row) Jake Bobeck, Matthew Cappo, Joshua Morris, Zack Keslin, Chetan Chauhan, Jeff Wieser, Bhupinder Singh (fourth row) Christopoher Cappo, Akhilesh Mishra, Brad Kaptur, Sean Nolan, Daniel Opperman, Joe Yurek (back row) Kale Wilk, George Asya-Broughton, Ben Mecyssine, Andrew Phifer, Evan Fus, Josh Allard, Evan Frystak

ROBOT SHOWDOWN

Robotics members build a robot to compete in a 90 second match, in which it must complete completing different tasks

FIRST 10 SECONDS
Robots are free to perform any automatic functions they are programmed to do

NEXT 60 SECONDS
Robots collect basketballs and shoot them into hoops worth various points

LAST 20 SECONDS
All robots can drive onto colored platforms in the center of the field and balance to earn bonus points

Source: Kale Wilk, senior

ALL FOR ONE

SADD

PRESIDENT: Kaylie Starkey

(front row) Maggie Szakacs, Lindsay Rozynek, Kristina Stepanovic, Trisha Madura, Jamie Rogalski, Emily Milojkovtich, Amanda Milojkovitch, Fareesa Siddiqui *(second row)* Aamina Khan, Jade Broadnax, Kaitlyn Taylor, Daniel Riggs, Tania Cordova, Maya Portillo, Rachel Chen, Emma Hong *(third row)* Risa Christopher, Emma-Sarah Stephens, Rachel Jamrose, Conor Taylor, Alexander Gauthier, Hannah White, Jolie Watson, Alyssa Heeter *(fourth row)* Marty O'Shaughnessy, Maggie Thomas, Parina Maniar, Mary Beth Blocher, Mary Skurka, Angela Rokosz, Phillip Arteaga, Courtney Weinberg *(back row)* Mark Strbjak, Lukas Nossem, Chris Slivka, Lucas Hilbric, Connor Cecil, Brett Szafasz, Alex Reinsma, Ben Nichols

SADD

ACTIVITIES: Bake sale fundraisers

(front row) Bryan Dublak, Sophia Filis, Anastasia Mileusnic, Roxie Pugh, Amelia Georgas, Zoe Minox, Domeneque Geron *(second row)* Hannah Colias, Shalini Kumar, Tony Delgado, Allyson Roller, Ana Dominguez, Zaria Suggs, Emily Rada *(third row)* Nicole Plewniak, Hannah Fus, Jabree Ellis, Natalie Vellutini, Kathleen Gonzales, Jung Kim, Megan O'Brien *(fourth row)* Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, Ellen Wynn, Joanna Pugh, Kaylie Starkey, Michelle Higgins, Melissa Avila, Dayna Van Woert *(back row)* Johnny Nauracy, Madyson Moyer, Sam Barilla, Nathalie Kauz, Kiecira Mosley, Brittany Smith, Elah Brooks, Priya Shah

SENIOR CEC

ACTIVITIES: Organized Homecoming float, planned senior banquet, selection of class gifts

(front row) Kiki Karabatak, Nick Laszlo, Amy Welch, Kaylie Starkey, Sarah Kinser, Logan Foreit *(back row)* David Straka, Aleksandra Obradovic, Mary Skurka, Colleen Jones, Nicole Rakich, Jack Laszlo

CURIOUS CUSTOMS

Spanish club members explore traditions of Spanish-speaking countries around the world

1. The typical time to eat dinner in Spain is...

a. 4 pm
b. 9 pm
c. 7 pm
d. 3 pm

2. To rid themselves of bad feelings from the previous year, Cubans celebrate the new year by...

a. eating 12 grapes
b. wishing on the North Star
c. lighting a lantern
d. throwing water over their shoulder

3. A key ingredient in the traditional Mexican dish "mole" is...

a. chocolate
b. grasshoppers
c. oats
d. pineapple

SOPHOMORE CEC

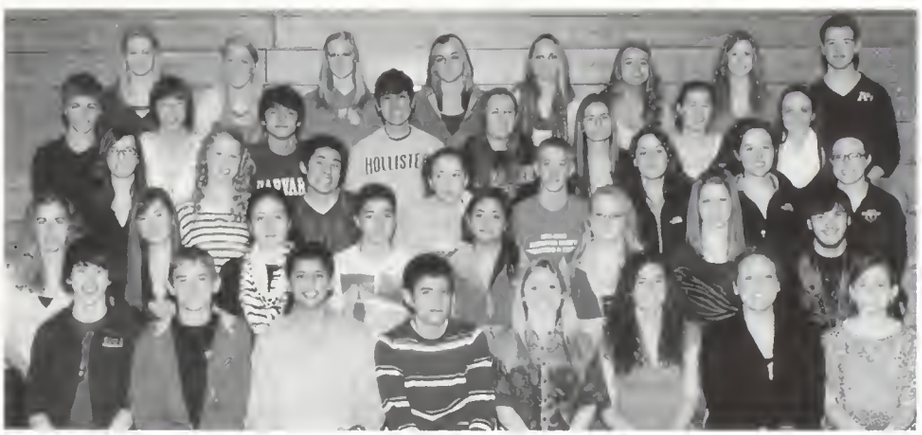
ACTIVITIES: Homecoming floats, designed Homecoming t-shirts

(front row) Nathalie Kauz, Priya Shah, Maria Karamichos, Tiffany Troumouliaris, Amelia Georgas *(back row)* Joseph Kmak, Daniel Straka, Gabbi Dore, Cathy Lebryk, Emma Nossem

SPANISH CLUB

PRESIDENT: Emily Milojkovitch

(front row) Ashley Suda, Trisha Madura, Jillian Rademacher, Bridget Anderson, Sarah Mojtahed, Craig Dedelow, Eashan Kumar, Nicole Plewniak *(second row)* Eric Galante, Lucas Gonzalez, Stephen Farrell, London Borom, Roger Jachna, Matthew Szala, Brian Banach, Jimmy Murphy *(third row)* Mike Goodman, Jesse Palma, Kayetan Wozniak, Marty O'Shaughnessy, Luis Dominguez, Joshua Roman, Phillip Arteaga, Milos Trivunovic *(fourth row)* Nikola Lukic, Courtney Weinberg, Sean Nolan, Grant Rademacher, Nick Kotz, Dean Suolos, Bret Miller, Aron Panas *(back row)* Matthew Mavity, Ben Nichols, Steven Rakich, Niko Ingoglia, Mary Beth Blocher, Annilee Taylor, Mary Skurka, Anthony Giannini



SPANISH CLUB

ACTIVITIES: Restaurant and museum trips

(front row) Miesha Severinov, Joe Yurek, Aklidesh Mishra, Jorge Meslina, Chelsey Wallace, Danielle Koultourides, Mira Culic, Jessica Cieslak *(second row)* Jill Osterhus, Amanda Milojkovitch, Anna Stooksburg, Cesar Camacho, Katy Arteaga, Natalia Switak, Gabbi Dore, Tony Delgado *(third row)* Natalia Bilek, Madyson Mayer, Ben Gonzalez, Grace Escalante, Joey Gardner, Heather Hemingway, Lauren Sueka, Cathy Lebryk *(fourth row)*Patrick Toth, Billy Roser, Adam Kulam, John Avila, Melanie Krueger, Nikki Heiniger, Rachel Jones, Erin Gallagher *(back row)* Elizabeth Kloos, Shannon Farrell, Julie Ridder, Cristina McNeiley, Maggie Cole, Catherine Tavitas, Ellie Dorn, Christian Poulos

4. In Spain, a "tortilla de patata" refers to a(n)...

a. flat piece of bread filled with potatoes
b. omelette with potatoes
c. potato pancake
d. french fries

5. Pato, the official sport of Argentina, is a combination of...

a. tennis and golf
b. swimming and frisbee golf
c. polo and basketball
d. soccer and football

ANSWERS: b, d, a, b, c

ALL FOR ONE

SPANISH CLUB

(front row) Fareesa Siddiqui, Nathalie Kauz, Siddharth Divakaruni, Maureen Doherty, Kasey Kulesa, Dayna Van Woert, Jessica Burek, Martina Trivunovic *(second row)* Mackenzie Kasper, Sammi Koufos, Sydney Gunty, Aleksandra Gasich, Jung Kim, Megan O'Brien, Priasha Iyer, Jabree Ellis *(third row)* Emily Mis, Lorin Levitan, Olivia Wagner, Angela Jones *(back row)* Jennifer Tassaro, Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, Kristina Stepanovic, Conrad Navarro, Richard Cox, Melissa Stone, Olivia Reda, Alissa Flores

SPANISH CLUB

(front row) Julia Adams, Shriya Das, Dana Handler, Tatiana Cruz, Zahra Bhoy, Lauren Koultourides *(second row)* Casey Griffin, Karina Chavez, Zavia Suggs, Alondra Guzman, Zoe Munuz, Kelsey Lynch, Elena Piech *(third row)* Anna Ackerman, Jessica Ivetich, Tatiana Lopez, Erin Harvath, Ayesha Khan, Paulina Kawalec, Elaine Zmuda *(fourth row)* Emma Hodges, Salany Dighamber, Lindsay Rozynek, Sam Barilla, Tania Cordova, Jocelyn Gonzale, Alexis Monthie *(back row)* William Bennan, Zachary Suggs, Kelan Harish, Daniel Riggs, Vince Pacatang, Priya Shah, Rachel Corradin, Maya Portillo

SPEECH AND DEBATE

PRESIDENT: Natalie Vick
VICE PRESIDENT: Allison Reba

(front row) Arthur Carey, William Behnan, Monica Lee, Chetan Chauhan, Charles DeCaris, Deven Rodgers, Roxie Pugh, Alyssa Heeter *(second row)* Joe Yurek, Rohan Chatterjee, Alex Wisniewski, Dean Suolos, Alex Sotriopoulos, Emily Anderson, Sripad Kodukula, Kelly Bershader *(third row)* Nick Siano,Jonathan Azar, Jack Arnold, Brad Kaptur, John Kapitan, Daniel Straka, Tom Vanko, Akash Shah *(fourth row)* Joshua Roman, Rosalio Ornelas, Matt Sellberg, Vijai Dharla, Saptarshi Chakraborty, Alex Baker, Jake Bobeck, Josh Shalen *(back row)* Walker Hedgepath, David Watts, William Greenlaw, Collin Henson, Ian Clark, Niko Ingoglia, Eashan Kumar, Akhilesh Mishra

COMPETITION CHECKLIST

Speech competitors list their essentials to bring to tournaments

- suit
- heels
- dress shoes
- book for scripted events
- copy of your speech
- pearls
- lipstick
- pop
- face powder
- healthy snacks (like nuts, craisins)
- sweatpants
- swag
- cash
- water bottle
- coffee
- sugary foods (like brownies, cookies)

sources: juniors Tatiana Padilla and Jabree Ellis, Eashan Kumar, sophomore

SPEECH AND DEBATE

VICE PRESIDENT: Jack Laszlo

(front row) (second row) (third row) (fourth row)(back row)

SPEECH AND DEBATE

AWARDS: Debate- 4th at State
Speech- State Champions

*(front row)*Kailey Kawalec, Alison Reba, Viharkia Peddi, Rachel Corradin, Sydney Gunty, Kailee Loughlin, Emily Bochnowski, Zaria Suggs *(second row)* Ben Becher, Jorge Medina, Rathnam Venkat, Zach Long, Calvin Sanders, Sameer Chintamani, Azad Neupane, Anna Shehigian *(third row)*Priya Pierie, Ally Ylo, Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, Priya Shah, David Straka, Ashley Wenzel, Hallie Peilet, Ayesha Khan *(fourth row)* Nia Clark, Rohini Kalluri, Revati Kalluri, Jesse Palma, Catherine Tavitas, Hannah Fus, Erin Chant, Jessica Reddy *(back row)* Anna Stooksbury, Maritza Garcia, Maddie Switalla, Natalie Vellutini, Omnya Zaman, Katie Long, Maddie Sharmat, Aaron Cunningham

SPEECH AND DEBATE

(front row) Siddarth Divakaruni, Belinda Oberman, Helena Jancosek, Kathleen Gonzales, Dana Handler, Colleen Lusk, Elena Piecha, Zahra Bhoy *(second row)* Ameera Minhas, Sarah Mathew, Vrusha Patel, Kasey Faubion, Stephanie Pallay, Prabhneet Girn, Andy Chen *(third row)* Melissa Tepperman, Danielle Koultourides, Benjamin Marcus, Sierra Smith, Fareesa Siddiqui, Judie Muhrez, Allison Mudro, Deeva Khatiwada *(foruth row)* Lia Andreatos, Nathalie Kauz, Nikki Mammano, Hanhuang Yao, Ishani Sharma, Bess Fary, Elaine Zmuda, Erica Tritsch *(back row)* Gina Rice, Allison Wisniewskik, Payton Preboy, Morgan Kaptur, Sammi Koufos, Ari Chioros, Elaina Etter, Harry Goldenberg

CALMING NERVES

Students had different ways of getting in the right frame of mind to compete

"Since we had to get up at like 3 in the morning, I had to consume a lot of sugars and caffeine, like brownies, pop, or coffee to get me going and awake."

-**Eashan Kumar**, sophomore

"I had to maintain a calm mind set rather than think that everything was on the line all the time. Naturally, to break the otherwise ice-thick tension, I usually just introduced myself and shook the hands of the other competitors."

-**William Greenlaw**, junior

ALL FOR ONE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

PRESIDENT: Alex Ingoglia
VICE PRESIDENT: Lukas Nossem

(front row) Miranda Guerrero, Elena Piech, Prabhneet Girn, Ben Marcus, Sammi Koufos, Allison Wisniewski, Kailee Loughlin *(second row)* Meredith Simmons, Kate DeGeorge, Nathan Kondamuri, Jessica Cieslak, Mira Culic, Tania Cordova, Ari Chioros *(third row)* Calvin Sanders, Ellen Wynn, Danille Koultourides, Adam Kulam, Zachary Suggs, Alexander Gauthier, Alex Wisniewski (fourth row) Patrick Toth, Oliver Sutter, Zakariah Kulam, Steven Burgwald, Russell Doctor, Lucas Gonzalez *(back row)* Eashan Kumar, Chris Slivka, Niko Ingoglia, Lukas Nossem, Alex Ingoglia, Sephen Farrell, William Greenlaw

THEATER

(front row) Daniel Straka, David Straka, Forrest Morgan, Megan Miller, Colleen Kifer, Annie Burke, Jessica Wargo, Maddie Odea *(second row)* Kendall Goldberg, Christian Fary, Jake Bobeck, Zachary Liesenfelt, Carly Levin, Ellen Scoleri, Maria Karamichos, Martina Trivunovic *(third row)* Marko Lekic, Rohan Chatterjee, Casey Terry, Hannah Fischer, Craig Popovich, Omnya Zaman, Katie Gajewski, Anna Kaniewski *(fourth row)* Natalie Vick, Tom Yurek, Michael Banach, Kevin Yurasovich, Ben Mecyssine, George Jurincie, Milos Trivunovic, Matthew Cappo *(back row)* Tim Wittkamp, Alex Chihara, Josh Roman, Michael Han, Ben Nichols, Steven Caraher, Calvin Sanders, Christopher Cappo

THEATER

(front row) Belinda Oberman, Stephanie Pallay, Rebecca Karnezis, Helena Jancosek, Rachel Borgo, Colleen Lusk *(second row)* Brianna Dittmer, Nia Clark, Amelia Georgas, Seung Lee, Rohini Kalluri, Kathleen Gonzales, Domeneque Geron *(third row)* Jessie Palma, Hannah Fus, Catherine Oesterle, Alexa Johnson, Matthew Kingdollar, Priasha Iyer, Mary Kujawski *(back row)* Niki Kamalipour, Thomas Speranza, Ana Johnson, Morgan Papesh, London Borom, Lisa Arndt, Catherine Arndt, Allison Hemingway

THESPIANS

(front row) Lisa Arndt, Hannah Fus, Megan Miller, Forrest Morgan, Alexa Johnson, Helena Jancosek, Rachel Borgo *(second row)* London Borom, Kendall Goldberg, Christian Fary, Colleen Kifer, Katie Gajewski, Maria Karamichos, Ellen Scoleri *(third row)* Christopher Cappo, Michael Banach, Tom Yurek, Milos Trivunovic, Hannah Fischer, Craig Popovich *(back row)* Tim Wittkamp,Nick Kiesling, Josh Roman, Steven Caraher, Ben Nichols, Kevin Yurasovich, Ben Mecyssine

WE THE PEOPLE

CAPTAIN: Jack Laszlo
AWARDS: State Champions

(front row) Emma Hong, Aamina Khan, Aishariya Bandyopadhyay, Azad Neupane, Brandon Roman, Tatiana Padilla *(second row)* Krishna Hegde, Logan Foreit, Carlyn Davis, Kelan Harish, Christiann Tavitas, Natalie Vick, Bridget Pruzin *(third row)* Steven Burgwald, Collin Henson, John Laszlo, Nicholas Loughlin, Alexander Gauthier, Andrew Alvarez *(back row)* Peter Kraft, Alex Crowe, Kelly Bershader, William Greenlaw, Jacob Brunetti, Cydnee Cruz, Alex Ingoglia

WOMAN'S ENSEMBLE

(front row) Lisa Arndt, Brooke Winter, Hannah Witting, Kathleen Gonzales, Bess Fary, Helena Jancosek *(back row)* Rachel Jamrose, Delilah Owens, Morgan Papesh, Colleen Kifer, Katie Gajewski, Megan Miller

FROM TIME TO TIME

Student government hosts exciting events throughout the school and community

August

Relay for Life:
An event to fight cancer, Relay for Life helped students participate by sponsoring cancer patients and walking the track at Centennial Park. Student government encouraged students to have fun and volunteer.

September

Homecoming:
Student government decided the Hollywood theme Homecoming week and Pep Rally. The freshmen represented the movie *Green Lantern*, sophomores took *Star Wars*, juniors flew away with the movie *Up*, and seniors battled it out with *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

Powderpuff:
Student government hosted the annual Powderpuff game between the juniors and seniors. With a tough fight, the seniors beat the juniors 32-2.

October

"Fans for Fans":
Student government creates competition between the students and faculty in the student vs. faculty softball game. Students dressed up in Halloween characters to cheer on their classmates.

November

Food Drive:
Creating another competition between the classes, Student Government sponsored a food drive during Thanksgiving season. The winning class won a pizza party and all food was donated to local charities.

December

"Toys for Tots":
To bring holiday cheer to underprivileged children, Student Government sponsored a toy drive throughout the schools. Students brought gifts between 9 to 10 dollars and gave them to local families.

January

Teacher/Student of the Month:
Student government created an award for one student and faculty member each month to recognize their strong abilities.

February

"Balling for Books":
To raise money for children to obtain books, Student Government hosted a student vs. faculty basketball game. Students and faculty battled it out on the floor, but the students took the win.

March

Battle of the Bands:
Student government hosted the annual competition between talented student bands. Students bought fan t-shirts and rocked out to original songs.

April

Dance Marathon:
For the first time ever, Student Government created and hosted a dance marathon to raise money for Riley's Children Hospital.

ALL FOR ONE

Varsity Volleyball
31-8
NCC 10-2
Crown Point 3-0
Valparaiso 0-3
Lake Central 3-0
Griffith 3-0
Ch. Christian 2-0
St. Ed's 1-2
Aurora CC 2-0
De LaSalle 2-1
West Payton 2-1
Highland 20-39
Lowell 1-3
Andrean 2-3
Hobart 3-0
Highland 3-0
Marian Catholic 3-2
Kankakee Valley 3-0
Clinton Prairie 2-0
Alexandria 2-0
Pendleton Heights 2-0
Penn 0-2
Chesterton 3-1
Griffith 3-0
Lowell 3-1
Wheeler 3-0
Portage 3-1
Andrean 3-0
Morton 3-0
Hobart 3-0
Highland 3-0
Elkhart Memorial 0-2
Concordia 0-2
Dwenger 2-0
Crown Point 2-1
Kankakee Valley 3-1
Christian 3-0
Hobart 21-39
NCC Meet 2nd

Post Season
Sectionals
Gary West 3-0
Hammond
Morton 3-0
Lake Central 3-0

Regionals
Valparaiso 3-2

Semistate
Westfield 2-3

Varsity Volleyball *(front row)* Shannon Farrell, Mady Moyer, Mariana Rogers, Emily Milojkovitch, Jamie Rogalski, Lauren Macadlo *(second row)* Patty Pfister, Coach Janet Wories, Becky Andrews, Coach Tracy Afman, Morgan Switalla, Coach Jill Kaniewski, Anna Kanowski *(back row)* Nadia Radowick, Caley Mintz, Melissa Hajduch, Elisabeth Kloos

JV Volleyball *(front row)* Mary Margaret Maloney, Abby Bednarowski, Alex Sullivan, Blaire Barnett, Amber Caldwell *(second row)* Patty Pfister, Coach Jill Kaniewski, Tori Foster, Mary Beth Blocher, Coach Janet Wories Coach Tracy Afman *(back row)* Jordan Cole, Rachel Markowicz, Tori Dallecarbonare, Emily Kaniewski, Anna Stooksbury

Freshman Volleyball *(front row)* Kaitlin Battista, Maureen Doherty, Allison Hemingway, Danielle Hladek *(second row)* Sarah Smolinski, Coach Janet Wories, Quinn Harris, Coach Jill Kaniewski, Coach Tracy Afman *(back row)* Maddy Purcell, Mady Athey, Amanda Mooney, Rachel Jamrose

Freshmen Volleyball
25-6
NCC 12-0
Crown Point 2-1
Boone Grove 2-0
Noll 2-0
East Chicago 2-0
Valparaiso 1-2
Lake Central 1-2
Griffith 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Andrean 2-0
Highland 2-1
Marian Catholic 4-1
Kankakee Valley 2-0
Chesterton 1-2
Griffith 2-0
Bishop Noll 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Wheeler 2-0
Portage 2-0
Andrean 2-1
Noll 2-0
LaPorte 1-2
Valparaiso 0-2
Morton 2-0
Hobart 2-0
Highland 2-0
Kankakee Valley 2-0

JV Volleyball
18-7
NCC 12-0
Crown Point 2-0
Valparaiso 0-2
Lake Central 1-2
Griffith 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Andrean 2-0
Hobart 2-0
Mishawaka 2-0
Kankakee Valley 2-0
Penn 0-2
Valparaiso 0-2
Highland 2-0
Marian Catholic 0-2
Kankakee Valley 2-0
Chesterton 0-2
Griffith 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Wheeler 2-0
Portage 2-0
Andrean 2-1
Morton 2-0
Hobart 2-0
Highland 2-0
Kankakee Valley 2-0

FIRSTFEATS

Titled Regional Champs, the Girls' Varsity Volleyball team celebrates the victory against Valparaiso

CROWDED AROUND a plaque that reads "Regional Champs," the six seniors Caley Mintz, Lauren Macadlo, Melissa Hajduch, Becky Andrews, Jamie Rogalski and Emily Milojkovitch, pose for a celebratory picture. This win marked the fifth ever Regional win for the team in the program's history. By strategically playing, the team won Regionals for the first time in 15 years. "We were smart with our plays," Hajduch said. "We mixed it up, and our blocking was really good and effective." **AFTER WINNING** a long point, Morgan Switalla, junior, jumps with joy with her teammates. **SURROUNDED BY** friends, Becky Andrews, senior, feels a wave of excitement after the unexpected win for the Regionals match with seniors Anthony Gomez and Tony Rigoni.

EYES ON PRIZE

With daily practices, the Varsity Volleyball Team advances to Semistate for the first time in 15 years

Envisioning a bold, white "2011" on the red Volleyball banner, captain Lauren Macadlo, senior, uses this and the fans' earsplitting chants as motivation to fight for the Regional Title. Determined to defeat the Valparaiso Vikings, the Varsity Volleyball Team pushed into a fifth game.

"Regionals was nerve-wracking and exciting because it was at home, and for once we didn't play LaPorte," Macadlo said. "We knew that Valpo was a good team, and we played them earlier and lost in three, but we improved and so did they."

Practicing every day in the Fieldhouse, the girls surpassed their own expectations for themselves. By constantly working on the basics of passing, aggressive serving and blocking, practice paid off, according to captain Emily Milojkovitch, senior.

"We worked hard in practices to improve our weakness as well as further improve our strengths," Coach Tracy Afman, Wilbur Wright Choir teacher, said. "Our team was well balanced in talent, and all of the girls contributed and helped the team to be successful."

Six seniors led them as captains, conquering team after team and winning a tournament along the way.

"Since we hadn't won a tournament in a while, winning this one was unexpected yet awesome!" Milojkovitch said. "We played against teams we had never seen."

Along with this accomplishment the girls overcame their coach's fiancé's team Marian Catholic (3-2). The match proved difficult, but they came out on top, according to Milojkovitch.

Adding to their confidence, the team earned its fourth consecutive Sectional title.

After team bonding through a lock-in, dinners, and daily practices, the team's chemistry couldn't have been better, according to captain Caley Mintz, senior. With all this in mind, the girls went into Regionals believing they could win. They were right.

The Volleyball Team won its first Regional title in 15 years (3-2). Semistate lingered around the corner, and the girls hoped to advance further. However, they lost to their opponent Westfield (0-3). Regardless, the team had attained its idea of success.

"We were all so proud of how well we did together," Milojkovtich said. "Although people underestimated us because we had no six-foot division I star player, we proved ourselves in every single match. We epitomized what a 'team' really was - each and every one of us was needed to win, and it was a collective effort that led to success."

They attained their own form of success, and the year "2011" will shine on the banner hanging in the Fieldhouse.

READY, SET About to bump the ball, Mariana Rogers, junior, concentrates on staying confident. "When I played, I was focused and knew we were going to win the point and the game," Rogers said.

BUMP, SET, SPIKE Eyes on the ball, captain Caley Mintz, senior, prepares to end the point with a spike. The girls had to work together to win. "We needed to practice and communicate on the court," Mintz said.

TEAM HUDDLE In a circle, the Varsity Volleyball team listens intently to Coach Tracy Afman, Wilbur Wright Choir teacher. To get each girl motivated, Coach Afman gave them words of wisdom during matches.

PASSING LIMITS

Winning Conference and making it to Regional finals, Boys' Soccer had a strong bond that played out on field

As the scoreboard glowed a "0-0" the Varsity Boys' Soccer Team prepared to finish its battle with Crown Point in the Regional Championship game.

With its usual rival Lake Central out of the way for the first time, the team had a shot at a Regional victory.

The teams tied once again when the score reached 1-1. However, a free kick paired with a header toward the end of the game from Crown Point edged the Mustang's regional dream away.

"We didn't play as well as we usually did," captain Zarko Coric, senior, said. "Both of their goals were our fault, and we weren't outplayed."

Despite their loss against Crown Point, the season still proved successful overall, according to Coric.

"It was a great season," Coric said. "It was definitely the most fun I've had in all four years."

The team boasted the first ever shootout win that their coach has ever seen from a Munster team.

"It was during our first Regional game against Valparaiso," Coric said. "We controlled the game, but it was 1-1 and we went into overtime. All five of our shooters scored and our goalie blocked one of their shooters."

Additionally, the team came out as Conference Champions after upsetting Andrean on their own field.

"These were the best memories that I will ever have from high school," Coric said. "We all played together for years. Everyone was a big family."

However, the team's victory against Highland served as one of their strongest games, according to Evan Kattan, junior.

"We were tied during the first half," Kattan said. "During the second half everyone got down to it and got serious. When we needed to change we changed and that's what made the difference."

Although the team lost multiple strong seniors from last season due to graduation, the boys continued to pull through, according to Coric.

"Every year kids stepped up," Coric said. "When the seniors graduated, a lot of people said that we wouldn't be as good, but players who were on the bench last season stepped up and came out as starters this season."

The boys ended up letting in fewer goals than the previous year's team, according to Coric.

"They all just clicked," Coach Jim prasopoulos, Westlake teacher, said. "They all pulled together and were motivated. That was really amazing to see."

PICKING UP SPEED Driving the ball towards the offensive side, Daniel Riggs, junior, turns his shoulders to block his opponent. "As a midfielder, I had to support the fowards," Riggs said. "I always had to be ready to recieve."

PASS IT ON After recieving a pass, Jacob Wojcik, senior, prepares to move the ball. "You had to think quickly on the field," Wojcik said. "Your teammates depended on you to move the ball."

IN HIGH SPIRITS As the announcer reads the starting line up, Zarko Coric, senior, shakes hands with teammate Daniel Riggs, junior. "We were like a family," Coric said. "We all cheered eachother on."

STEPPING AHEAD Making a quick block in front of the Portage defender, Chris Tassaro, senior, plays the midfield. "It was our first game," Tassaro said. "We had lost to them the year before so it was nice to win."

Varsity Boys' Soccer Team *(front row)* Peter Karnezis, Sam Smith, Evan Shmagranoff, Christian Catania, Zarko Coric, Chris Tassaro, Bart Grabowski, Alex Sikora, Zakariah Kulam *(second row)* Coach Prasopoulous, Jacob Wojcik, Evan Kataan, Ethan Flahavan, Drake Bowers, Joe Pearson, Niko Karagan, Coach Deguilio *(back row)* Demitri Georgalas, Daniel Riggs, Robert Vogel, Peter Panos, Nick Brant, Doug Yokovich, Nick Cossyleon

Varsity Boys' 16-4-1

7-0 conference

Portage 2-0
Lowell 8-1
Kankakee Valley 6-1
Bishop Noll 1-2
Crown Point 3-2
Chesterton 0-0
Griffith 4-0
Merrillville 5-0
Hobart 5-0
Lake Central 0-1
South Bend Washington 7-0
Highland 2-0
Guiren Catholic 3-1
Penn 0-1
Andrean 1-0
Vaplaraiso 2-0

Sectionals
Morton 7-0
Clark 2-0

Regionals
Valparaiso 2-1
Crown Point 1-2

JV Boys' Soccer Team *(front row)*Matt Childs, James Eaton, Kevin Schlotman, Josh Shalen, Alo Morado, Arturo Ortiz, Xavier Hofferth-Pettis*(second row)* Coach Prasopolous, Dean Svolos, Jeff Woodward, Ricky Delgado, Nik Mandic, Jack Arnold, Max Lawson, Coach Deguilio *(back row)* Nikolas Kajmakoski, Demitri Kounelis, Michael Portone, Steven Jurich, Dean Green

JV Boys' Soccer 7-4-2

4-0-1 conference

Portage 4-0
Lowell 4-0
Kankakee Valley 8-0
Bishop Noll 8-0
Crown Point 2-0
Chesterton 0-1
Griffith 4-0
Merrillville 0-1
Hobart 6-0
South Bend Washington 1-3
Highland 1-1
Brownsburg 1-1
Zionsville 0-1
Vaplaraiso 1-6

KICKING INTO ACTION Attempting to clear the defensive zone, Ethan Flahavan, senior, prepares to send the ball flying. The team's defense had perfect cohesion, according to Flahavan. "We all played together for so long," Flahavan said. "We knew how each other played and we knew each others strengths and weaknesses."

STRETCH IT OUT Following their routing, juniors Drake Bowers and Demitri Georgalas stretch their legs before battling Crown Point. "In the locker room we listened to music to get us pumped," Bowers said "We did quick warm ups to get our adrenaline up."

WARMINGUP

Before every game, teammates take several steps to prepare

1. In the locker room, the team listened to the song "Jack Sparrow" by The Lonely island
2. Perform warm up stretches and pass the ball around
3. Get in a team huddle where captain Zarko Coric, senior, leads the team in a cheer

source: Zak Kulam, senior

Varsity Boys' Tennis
18-2

6-0 Conference
Lake Central 5-0
Valporaiso 4-1
North Central Invite 2nd Place
Kankakee Valley 4-1
Highland 5-0
Penn 4-1
Culver Academy 5-0
Merrillville 4-1
Hobart 5-0
Lafayette Jefferson 1st place
Andrean 5-0
Griffith 5-0
Chesterton 5-0
Cantebury 1-4
Crown Point 4-1

Post Season
Sectionals
- Bishop Noll 5-0
- Hammond Clark 5-0
- Highland 5-0

Regionals
- Merrillville 4-1
- Crown Point 5-0

Semistate
- Carmel 0-5

JV Boys' Tennis
4-0

2-0 Conference
Lake Central 14-0
Valporaiso 10-5
Lowell 5-0
Kankakee Valley 4-0

FABFIVE

The junior-dominating Varsity line-up lead to a strong bond and a new nickname

Varsity playing juniors Jack Heiniger, Kelan Harish, Michael Kitchell, Nathan Kondamuri, and Taha Qureshi called themselves "The Fab Five." "It was great because we were all already friends," Harish said. "The advantage of having so many juniors was that we could take what we learned and learn from it when we return next season."

Boys' Tennis (*front row*) Krishna Hegde, Collin Richter, Ryan Heuer, Nathan Kondamuri, Taha Qureshi, Eric Galante, Jack Heiniger, Michael Kitchell, Vince Pacatang,Nick Laszlo (*second row*) Andy Chen, Kelan Harish, Ben Brodsky, Matt Charles, Andrew Dorn, Ronak Tilva, Ben Marcus, Vince Pacatang, Aaron Handler (*third row*) Joe Hunt, Rathnam Venkat, Shivram Chandramouli, Jack Laszlo, Alex Samuels, Mark Levitan, Carl Hehemann, Roshan Tilva, Alex Kulesa, TJ Weiss (*fourth row*) Ed0 Peng, Marty O'Shaughnessy, Patrick Toth, Akash Shah, Akilesh Mishra, Michael Rivich, Flynn LeMonnier, Alex Wisnewski (*back row*) Coach Bill Heuer, Coach Steve Lopes, Sid Rothstein, Coach Tony Kanavos

CLOSE AT HAND

Varsity Boys' Tennis advances to Semistate before facing defeat, due to a new post season bracket

A new assistant coach, a new bracket for Sectionals and only one senior playing on Varsity couldn't stop the Varsity Boys' Tennis Team. The team changed their Varsity lineup quite a few times to hone their skills in their respective positions for post season, according to Coach Steve Lopez, history teacher.

"We had challenge matches within the team," Coach Lopez said. "We wanted to have the strongest players in the positions they'd be best at."

Munster hosted Sectionals, which included six teams instead of four, but even though they had to play more teams, "the will to win was still the same," according to Kelan Harish, junior.

"We were still the favorite to win," captain Ryan Heuer, senior, said. "The only real difference I felt was that instead of playing two teams in one day, we had to play three games, but one match per day. It wasn't a big deal, but it was really annoying how it was stretched over like that."

The team won its 31st consecutive Sectional, the second-longest Sectional winning streak in the State.

The shift in the Sectional bracket caused a shift in the Regional bracket, but the boys remained the Regional champions without being affected by that, according to Nathan Kondamuri, junior.

It was one thing to rearrange the bracket for Sectionals, but the boys faced a challenge as they approached Semistate. Early on in the season, they knew they'd play Carmel High School at Semistate instead of in the Final Four at State, according to Coach Lopez.

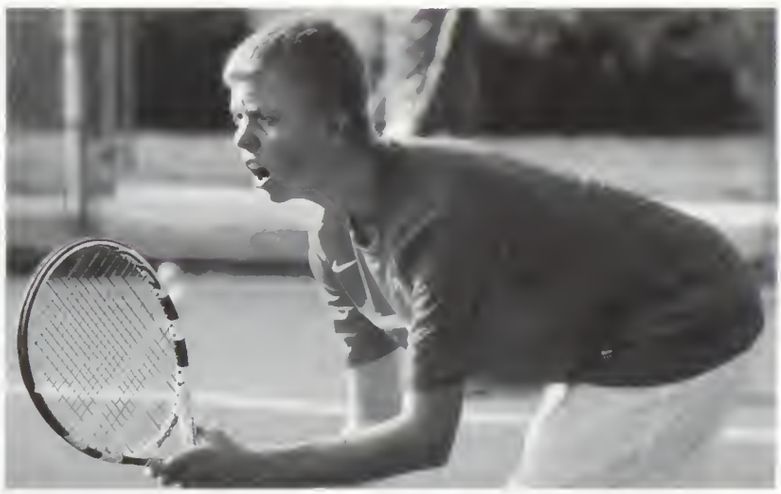
"It was really tough to hear that because they were one of the toughest teams in the State," Kondamuri said. "The fact that we had to play them earlier on put our chances of getting to State at jeopardy. I was just like, 'Are you serious?' It just sucked."

The boys lost to Carmel at Semi-State.

"I think that loss was something we all saw coming," Michael Kitchell, junior, said. "When Coach told us they'd be in our Semi-State, I knew we were going to have to step up our game. Carmel's team has always been really good, but through the whole season, I always had hope that we could've won. Obviously, it was hard to end our season that way, but it was not always fair, and I couldn't be more proud of my team."

READY TO GO Cheeks puffed out, Michael Kitchell, junior, focuses on returning a serve. "I always did stupid stuff like puffing my cheeks out when I played," Kitchell said. "I don't really why I did, but I guess I never really noticed while I was doing it. I think it just helped me focus and play better."

REACHING HEIGHTS Jumping in the air, captain Ryan Heuer, senior, reaches and hits the ball during a match on Senior Night against Crown Point. "That wasn't supposed to really be a huge match for competition," Heuer said. "It was cool to see the other seniors get to play Varsity."



CHEST BUMP TRADITION As part of their pregame tradition, Krishna Hegde, senior, and Taha Qureshi, junior, bumped chests at the end of the court. "It was just a thing we'd always done," Hegde said. "After each player was introduced, we used to bump chests."

BEFORE THE PLAY Focused on the match, Marty O'Shaughnessy, sophomore, makes sure he is prepared for the ball as it goes into play. "I had a really great season this year," O'Shaughnessy said. "This season was a learning season for me, in addition to being a lot of fun."

Varsity Girls' Cross Country
83-71
NCC 3-3
Crown Point 2nd
Gavit Invite 3rd
Griffith 23-48
Lowell 28-27
Harrison Invite 16th
Andrean 30-25
Kankakee Valley 28-27
Lowell Invite
Highland 20-39
New Prairie Invite 13th
Hobart 27-30
Culver Academy Invite 23rd
NCC 2nd

Post Season
Sectionals 2nd
Regionals 3rd
Semistate 11t

TAKE YOUR MARK Ready to race, Sarah Dedelow, senior, and Colleen Ogren, junior, get into starting position at the Gavit Invite. "The most anxiety was always at the line," Ogren said. "But, when the gun went off, all of it disappeared." The team placed third with 100 points.

SHAKE IT OUT With the help of Coach Duffy, Elaine Zmuda, sophomore, prepares for her race. "Coach Duffy would help loosen up our arms every meet," Zmuda said. "You don't want tight arms when you run; it was uncomfortable."

LINKED ARMS Huddling together, the team prepares for Gavit Invite. "Having a team huddle before our races always got everyone excited," Caroline Beckman, sophomore, said. "We would say our team cheer and Coach Duffy would give us a pep talk."

FUNRUNNING

Girls' Cross Country bonds through various activities

TIARAS ATOP THEIR HEADS, juniors Suzana Rodriguez and Bianca Bohling and seniors Samantha Martin and Morgan Stahl get in spirit for the conference meet on Princess Day, one of the five theme days the team had. "It was fun to get all dressed up in our princess costumes and then run a practice," Bohling said. The team had also had Holiday Day, Swimsuit Day, Twin Day, and Superhero Day. Team members also bonded through team activities such as the team scavenger hunt, the lock in, and pasta parties. **SIDE BY SIDE,** Emily McNicholas, sophomore, and Colleen Ogren, junior, dance to "Go the Distance" before a race. "We liked to sing and dance before we ran," McNicholas said. "It got our energy flowing and excited us for the meet." The team also listened to an inspirational 2010 Nike ad to get ready to race. **HAIR TIED INTO A BEARD,** Casey Griffin, junior, entertains her teammates during downtime at the Gavit Invite. "We would always try to make each other laugh,"Griffin said. "It kept us from psyching ourselves out."

FROM THE START

With new runners, Girls' Cross Country prepared to overcome obstacles and accomplish goals

Singing "Go the Distance" from Hercules, Emily McNicholas, sophomore, got in spirit with the rest of the Girls' Cross Country Team for the Conference meet. With the theme based off of this song, the team prepared to face challenges and achieve goals.

"The song was about overcoming obstacles and having inner strength to reach goals; that was what our team was all about," captain Allison Boyle, senior, said.

Having a young team mostly made up of new runners presented itself as the first obstacle.

"I think that because it was such a young team," Coach Michelle Duffy, English teacher, said. "We spent a lot of the season adjusting, but at the same time, we had a lot of energy, which was great."

That energy helped the team win multiple meets throughout the season. Wins included the meets at Lowell, Highland, and Hobart. Other significant meets included New Prairie and Culver.

"At Highland, we all took advantage of the flat course to run great times and race well against our competition," Boyle said. "At Lowell, we won the meet by almost 10 points, which had not been done since I was a freshman."

Bonding experiences included the scavenger hunt and Wicked Wednesday practices. These practices involved running in places with more difficult terrain.

In addition to this, the Great Pumpkin brought the team together, according to Rebecca Karnezis, sophomore. During the week of Semistate, the Great Pumpkin decorated the locker room and left good-luck treats and pumpkins for the runners.

"Everyone did awesome at Culver. It was a fast course and there was a lot of great competition," Emily McNicholas, sophomore, said. "Also, after the race, we jumped off the dock together into the lake. That was a great bonding experience."

The team also bonded through hardships, one of which included a mix-up at the Kankakee Valley meet. Confusion arose at the meet when a few runners cut off a portion of the course, causing everyone to finish with skewed scores. These scores had the team losing to both Andrean and Kankakee Valley and, with a 3-3 record for the regular season, made it impossible to win the Conference Title, according to Boyle.

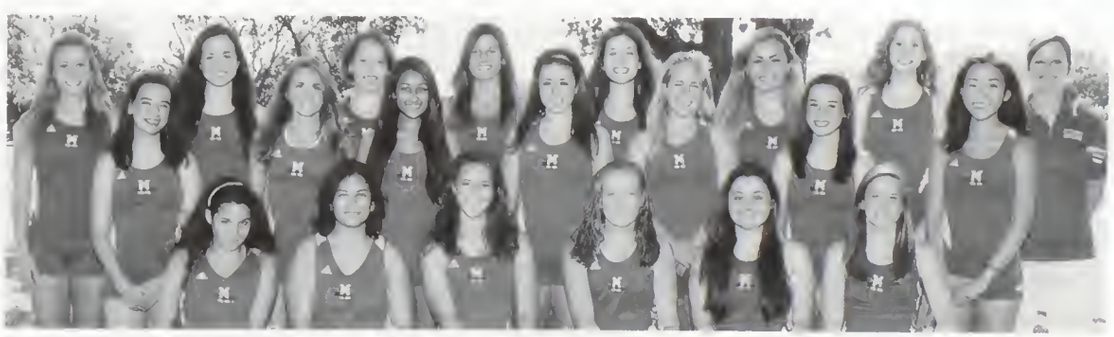
At the next practice, the team gathered before the run and discussed what happened.

"A lot of the girls added to the discussion. It became pretty inspirational and I felt like the team bonded over it," Duffy said. "It was the first time everyone really adhered to the same philosophy."

This fueled the team's motivation to beat their competition during post-season meets, according to Boyle.

The team placed second at Conference and third at Regionals. At Semistate, the team placed 11th, which was a standing three places higher than the previous year.

"We were slowly, but surely building up our program," McNicholas said.



IN FOCUS Keeping a steady pace, Allison Boyle, senior, runs through the Hobart course. "I really tried keeping my thoughts off the pain and anything negative because cross country is such a mental sport," Boyle said. "I was familiar with the courses, so I focused on what was coming next."

GIRL'S CROSS COUNTRY *(front row)* Bianca Bohling, Suzana Rodriguez, Morgan Stahl, Kaitlyn Bohling, Casey Griffin, Emily McNicholas *(second row)* Caroline Beckman, Rebecca Karnezis, Prabhneet Girn, Colleen Ogren, Elaine Zmuda, Elizabeth Beckman, Emma Hong *(back row)* Lindsay Spyrka, Allison Boyle, Mykaela Burton, Sarah Dedelow, Cassidy Schwartz, Samantha Martin, Elise Dorn, Coach Michelle Duffy

IN THE ZONE

After losing key seniors, Girls' Varsity Golf wins Conference and moves onto the Regional Tournament

On a team with only five players, it quickly becomes vital to its success that every single member plays to the best of their ability. Even though the Girls' Varsity Golf team lost some graduating members, the girls resolved to take that challenge.

"Losing your seniors put you in an awkward place," Hailey Estes, junior, said. "But five people needed to go to each game, so the new people really stepped up."

The girls practiced at the golf course at Centennial Park, where they walked from hole to hole after practice, shooting for hours on end. The girls noticed their improvements throughout the season, with many of them topping their personal best record. Estes scored a 92; Liz Lanman, junior, a 112; and Jill Osterhus, sophomore, a 105.

"All of us improved quite a lot. Sarah kept our scores so we could see them, and I improved a lot as well," Estes said. "Jill and Liz both improved a great amount from start to end. Our freshman, Rachel Jones, filled a good spot in our team, too."

With those progressions, the team drove through their tournaments and came back undefeated in Conference by 35 strokes.

"The team improved incredibly as the season went on," coach Mr. Bill Smitka, social studies teacher, said. "Winning by 35 shots showed how they improved through the season."

The girls were proud of this success.

"It was exciting to be undefeated in Conference," Estes said. "We felt accomplished, and it was a title that we worked hard for."

The girls had challenges when facing Chesterton High School, a skilled rival in the area. The team ended up losing the match by five strokes.

"They were the top team in the region, so it was good we got so close to them," captain Sarah Kinser, senior, said.

The girls moved onto the Regional Tournament to verse other teams such as Chesterton. Similar to previous years, the team earned seventh place.

"We didn't do too badly. It was a tough, long course," Estes said. "My expectation for the team was to just shoot the best we possibly could and that's what we did."

In the end, the girls pushed themselves because of their passion for their team and the game.

"The best part was being able to be a part of a great team with a great coach, getting to do what we loved," Kinser said.

PRESSURE'S ON Putting into the hole, Sarah Kinser, senior, tries to stay focused. Kinser did not let the stress get to her. "I had a clear mind and tried to stay positive because I knew I could make the putt," Kinser said.

Varsity Girls' Golf
8-2
NCC 6-0
Valpo Classic 7th
Plymouth Inv. 8th
Lake Central Inv. 5th
Crown Point Inv. 5th
Hobart 191-225
Crown Point/ Griffith
199-184-231
Kankakee Valley
194-197
Andrean 194-244
Merrillville 213-233
Highland 207-217
Lake Central 207-191
Griffth 196-244
Lowell 196-205
Chesterton 195-187
NCC Confrence Meet
1st

Post Season
Sectionals
Lost Marsh 3rd
Regionals
LaPorte Regional
7th

Honors
Sarah Kinser 85

MARK UP Pausing before moving to the next hole, Sydney Puckett, sophomore, takes a moment to record her score. Taking the time to add their score cards kept the golfers aware of what scores they needed to get.

STRATEGIC THINKING Crouching low to the ground, Jill Osterhus, sophomore, assesses her next move. "I thought about the speed of the greens that day and which way the ball will roll based on the slope," Osterhus said.

LAUGH IT OFF Taking a break from her game, Rachel Jones, freshman, laughs with Coach Smitka. Making sure the girls were having fun was important to the coach. "Coach Smitka told me all throughout the season to just go out there and enjoy myself, which made the season a lot of fun," Jones said.

UP IN THE AIR Caught in a sand bunker, Liz Lanman, junior, tries to get closer to the hole. Lanman achieved this by successfully chipping onto the green. "Now I'm just trying to focus on my game," Lanman said.

Girls' Golf Team (*front row*) Peyton Puckett, Morgan Kaptur, Sarah Kinser, Hailey Estes, Chelsey Wallace (*back row*) Coach Jake Argenta, Rachel Jones, Jill Osterhus, Becky Seligman, Liz Lanman, Sydney Puckett, Coach Bill Smitka

TEEINGTERMS

In the sport of golf, players need to understand the vocabulary

chipping: hitting the ball into the air so it lands on the green

lie: the position of the ball at rest

stroke: an attempt of a golfer to hit the ball

speed of the greens: how fast the ball will roll along the course

IN FOCUS Lining up with the hole, Hailey Estes, junior, tries to envision where to hit the ball. According to Estes, concentration was the key to a good putt. "You have to aim really carefully to get it right," Estes said.

PREPARATIONTIME

Before a race, the runners take time out to clear their heads through stretching and encouraging their teammates

AT THE GAVIT INVITE, Adam Kloos, senior, stretches his legs prior to the race. "I usually thought about beating my best time; at times I got nervous, but once I heard the gun, every emotion went away and I just ran," Kloos said. **PREPARING FOR THE RACE,** Tony Rigoni, senior, pins the number to his uniform. "Before the race, I tried to stay relaxed and focused on finishing," Rigoni said. "We also motivated each other during our huddle prior to the race."

Varsity Boys' Cross Country
69-58
NCC 3-3
Crown Point 3rd
Gavit Invite 4th
Griffith 18-45
Lowell 31-24
Andrean 32-25
Kankakee Valley 18-45
Lowell Invite 3rd
Highland 23-36
New Prairie Invite 16th
Hobart 32-25
Culver Academy Invite 25th
Post Season
Sectionals 2nd
Regionals 6th
Honors
Semistate
Tony Rigoni 32nd
Tommy Bolanowski 60th

Varsity Boys' Cross Country (*front row*) Manny Lopez, Russell Doctor, Phil Arteaga, John Beckman, Grant Thompson, Tony Rigoni, Brian Banach, Jimmy Murphy (*second row*) Kevin Fuhs, Elliott Bochnowski, Ethan Paskewicz, Matthew Szala, Ryan Kritzer, Xavier Carrizales, Brandon Johnson, Ivan Gutierrez, Mario Hernandez (*back row*) Matt Enger, Tommy Bolanowski, Roger Jachna, Adam Kloos, Steve Farrell, Chris Cappo, Steven Burgwald, Coach Aaron Brown

FASTFEET

When choosing favorite running shoe, comfort, color, and name brand all come into consideration for the team

1. Brooks
2. Asics
3. Saucony
4. Nike
5. Adidas

source: Steven Burgwald, junior

"Brooks fit my feet the best and were also the most comfortable," -Steven Burgwald, junior

TIME OUT Before racing, Elliott Bochnowski, senior, takes time to clear his head while tying his shoes. "I liked to clear my head and think of how the race was going to go," Bochnowski said. "I thought of what the course was like and what I had to do to benefit my team the most."

OUT OF BREATH

With hard work and determination, the Boys' Cross Country team receives second place at Sectionals and advances to Regionals

Running through sweltering heat on a summer day marks only the beginning of the Boys' Cross Country Team's season. During the summer, conditioning consists of running six to eight miles five days a week. Once the official season begins, they run six days a week for two or three hours, according to Steve Farrell, senior.

"I thought this season would turn out to be exactly what we put into it, Farrell said. "We had to train hard even if that meant we would be sore for some meets."

The team followed the training Coach Aaron Brown, Wilbur Wright physical education teacher, planned for them, which helped them claim the win at Conference.

"It was my sincere desire to win the Conference meet," Coach Brown said. "That was a tall order this year as Andrean, Hobart and Lowell were really strong teams."

As the team advanced to Sectionals, they went in with the expectations of running to the best of their abilities and beating Lake Central to capture the winning title, according to Elliott Bochnowski, senior.

The team received second place at Sectionals, which turned to disappointment for the team, according to Steven Burgwald.

"Sectionals was a little disappointing for me," Burgwald said. "Last year we won, so it was really disappointing to come in second this year. The good thing was that we had Regionals to bounce back from a poor performance at Sectionals."

Although the team did not make it to Semistate as a team, two runners got the chance to represent Munster at New Prairie. Tony Rigoni, senior, received 32nd place and Tommy Bolanowski, sophomore, came back home with 60th.

"The experience of Semistate was fulfilling because being there meant that my team mate and I were among the top runneres in the the State," Rigoni said. "The fact that it was my last race for the season also gave it a bitter-sweet taste."

FINISHING STRONG Charging to the finish line, John Beckman, senior, sets his mind on completing the race. "When finishing the race, you were often in a lot of pain. Your body was beyond the point of feeling fatigued. But when you saw the mark for the last 400 meters, you forget all about being tired and your focus regains," John Beckman said. "Your focus was on the people you could beat, and you got that last adrenaline rush that took you to the finish."

KEEPING PACE Racing to the finish line, Tommy Bolanowski, sophomore, makes his way to completing the race. "Besides the finish line, I thought about my pace and where I stood in the race," Bolanowski said. "My mind was set on doing the best that I could and finishing the race ahead of the others."

RECEIVING REWARD Upon completition of a 5K race, Korey Breger, senior, accepts his ribbon at Hobart. The final score was 32-25. "After running in a meet, I felt exhausted, but there was also a sense of accomplishment," Breger said.

Varsity Girls' Soccer
11-8-1
NCC 3-3

Kankakee Valley 2-3
Portage 2-0
Northwood 3-0
Argos 3-1
Lake Central 1-S
University 0-0
Culver Academy 1-3
Griffith 1-3
Valparaiso 0-4
Hobart 6-0
Michigan City 8-0
Highland 0-1
Merrillville 1-0
Andrean 2-0
Crown Point 0-2
Lowell 5-0

Post Season
Sectionals
East Chicago 6-0
Hammond Clark 3-0
Hammond High S-0
Regionals
Crown Point 0-1

JV Girls' Soccer
9-3-2
NCC 4-0-1

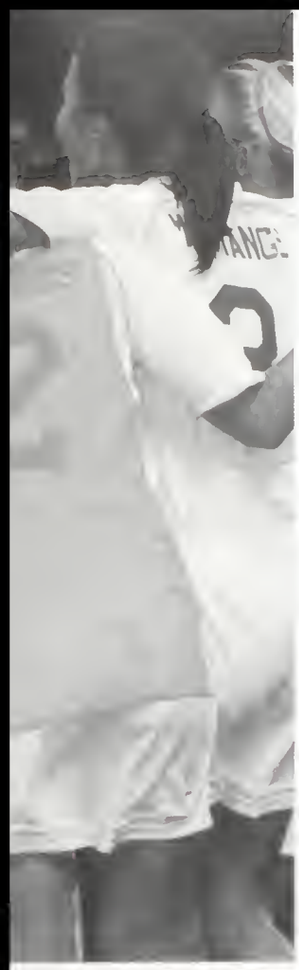
MC Marquette 8-1
Kankakee Valley 2-0
Portage 3-0
Argos 3-1
Lake Central 0-1
Zionsville 0-3
Penn 3-S
Griffith 1-0
Valparaiso 0-0
Hobart 8-0
Michigan City 9-0
Highland 1-1
Merrillville S-0
Crown Point 2-0
Lowell 4-0

RAINDOWN

Girls' Varsity Soccer Team battles several games in the rain

BEFORE THE RAIN came, Jessica Flores, junior, attacks and steals the ball from her Andrean opponents. **IN AN ATTEMPT** to block her opponent, Lauren Grunewald, senior, dives for the ball in the rain. "In the rain, you had to change the speed of the ball and have a lot more control because the ground was wet, so the ball could skip," Grunewald said. **NERVES RUNNING THROUGH** her body, Jackie Ashley, junior, nervously watches during overtime at the Andrean game. **BATTLING THROUGH THE RAIN**, Sylvie Kristoff, junior, interlocks with an opponent. "You had to adjust to the slickness of the grass and avoid puddles in the rain," Kristoff said.

LEFT AND RIGHT On the way to the goal, Alison Engle, junior, dodges an Andrean opponent near the sidelines. During overtime, the rain picked up, and Engle knew she had to stay focused. "What I liked to say during the games was 'Leave it all on the field,' which is exactly what I did," Engle said. "I tried and played every game giving it my all, 110 percent, 100 percent of the time." The Mustangs defeated Andrean 2-0.



HOLD ON TIGHT

Girls' Varsity Soccer Team wins Sectional Title and battles tough Regional game against Crown Point

As the fierce wind blows and thunder booms throughout the stadium, the Varsity Girls' Soccer Team battles out a game against Crown Point. With a score of 1-2, the girls only had one quarter left to tie up the game, but all of a sudden, the lights went out. The field turned black. The stadium turned silent.

"That was definitely my favorite moment of the season," captain Alyssa Sheets, senior, said. "It was about to storm and the winds were bad that night. The lights ended up going out for the entire town of Crown Point, but in the pitch black, we had a blast singing and playing Red Rover and little Sally Walker."

The girls ended up losing 1-2, since the game ended due to the blackout. Along with this game against Crown Point, the girls faced many tough games, according to Sheets.

"Our toughest games were Highland and the two games against Crown Point," captain Hannah Marriott, senior, said. "Those were our biggest rivals, and both us and the two teams came out and played our hardest, making them both mental and physical games. Each game was close and came down to the wire."

The girls lost to Highland 0-1 in a shootout and lost at Regionals to Crown Point 0-1. However, the girls took the Sectional Title back in the final round 3-0 against Clark. Along with the big Sectional wins, one of the best games the girls played was in the Argos tournament, according to Sheets.

"Our best games were during the Argos Tournament," captain Alyson Roller, senior, said. "We were slow starting the game, but our passing was beautiful the second half, and we really pulled through to win the tournament."

The Mustangs beat Argos 3-1 and Northwood 3-0, taking first place in the tournament. Along with this win, the girls had several key wins, ending their season after Regionals with a record of 8-6.

"Overall, I think everyone was content with how the season went," Sheets said. "We could've played better some games, but at the same time I thought that was how we felt about every season. We had a lot of fun, and everyone got along, which was rare. Looking back, we played well when it mattered."

ALL FOR ONE Huddled up before the second half begins, captain Alyssa Sheets, senior, and Lauren Grunewald, senior, lead the team cheer to get "pumped up," according to Sheets. "Even they beat us, we didn't let the loss get us down," Sheets said. The Mustangs ended up losing to Valparaiso 0-6.

ON THE BALL As she dodges her Hammond High opponents, Hannah Marriott, senior, attempts to make a passing shot. "We played well against Hammond," Marriott said. To practice for the games, the Girls' Varsity Soccer Team mastered several skills. "The focuses of practices would change depending on what skill we as a team would need to work on," Marriot said. The girls defeated Hammond High 5-0.

Girls' Soccer Team *(front row)* Allyson Roller, Lexi Grubisich, Francesca Bowers, Morgan Newton, Joanna Pugh, Parin Patel, Hannah Marriott, Lauren Grunewald, Alyssa Sheets, Melissa Strohl *(second row)* Jessica Flores, Cayla Bales, Alison Engle, Samantha Koufus, Slyvie Kristoff, Melanie Krueger, Jackie Ashley, Jennifer Kristoff, Jessica Wargo, Allyson Goodrich, Annie Skertic *(third row)* Coach Jim Kinesic, Laurel Curran, Catherine Lebryk, Miranda Guerrero, Renee Rumas, Sarah Webster, Tegan Murphy, Alexandra Meier, Agnes Svensson, Kailee Loughlin, Alyssa Wojcik, Coach Fekese *(back row)* Coach Valerie Pflum, Sierra Falcon, Rachel Tarpo, Brittany Barajas, Laurel Curran, Elena Dekker, Courtney Zunica, Itxel Carlos, Coach Grady Willis

CAUGHT IN THE ACT Running down the field with the ball, Nick Brajak (21), senior, faces the players of the number one team in the state. "All I thought about was scoring," Brajak said. "Or not getting caught." Playing the number one team offered insight about what the Mustangs needed to improve upon.

FEARFUL FALL Slowly making his way off the field, Alex Reinsma (56), senior, limps with the support of physical trainer, John Doherty. Injuries played an important role in the season, according to Coach Leroy Marsh. "The only thing that went through my mind was fear," Reinsma said. "I was scared of my senior season coming to an abrupt end."

ONE FOR ALL

Amidst losses, injuries and lack of games at home, Varsity Football Team powers through with teamwork and trust

The fourth quarter begins as the giant score board glows a yellow "10" underneath Munster, and a "26" underneath Morton. With only 15 minutes left in the game, the Varsity Football Team scores three straight touchdowns, two throwing and one rushing. With a final score of 30-26, the Mustangs beat Morton, an undefeated team.

"It was a big win for us," Zach Strbjak, senior, said. "We lost in my sophomore year, and it was big to come back and beat them."

Winning the game against Morton kept pushing the team forward, according to Zach Strbjak. With a season consisting of only five home games, the team faced a difficult lineup, according to Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher, including a Homecoming game against number one in the state, Andrean.

The game against Andrean proved to be a challenge, but provided insight about the team and their skills. However, playing the number one team allowed the Mustangs to get better and learn more about the team in general, according to David Straka, senior.

"We gained a lot of experience from playing the number one team in the state," Luke Hilbrich, senior, said. "We made a lot of mental mistakes. We weren't outplayed, we just made physical mistakes."

Injuries caused many obstacles throughout the season, according to Coach Marsh.

"Lots of injuries in the beginning of the season kept us from reaching our full potential," Coach Marsh said. "We got most of our players well for a run at the end, and then Mark (Strbjak, senior) got hurt for the Sectional game."

Mark Strbjak had a degenerated, bulging disc in his back and could not play the final game of the season.

"It was a downer on the season because I couldn't finish and contribute in Sectionals," Mark Strbjak said. "I wanted a better way to end my senior season."

Despite injuries and other obstacles, the team bonded throughout the season. Many of the senior players had been close knit since elementary school, according to Mark Strbjak. Bonding gave the team a sense of trust and adversity, according to Coach Marsh.

FAMILY TIES Hand in hand, juniors Ryan Wilkens (81), Anthony Giannini (38), Alex Collison (87), Scott Shaner (37), Travis Frank (6) andw Christian Leonakis (47), senior, await the result of the kickoff. "We all held hands to symbolize togetherness as a team," Giannini said. "We were a family."

FAKE OUT Hands at his side, Mark Strbjak (3), senior, runs down the field during the game against Andrean. "I was carrying a fake off the play," Strbjak said. "I was trying to carry the defensive players as far away as possible to get space for the people with the ball."

Varsity Football *(front row)* Mark Strbjak, Gio Murillo, Travis Frank, Oliver Sutter, Nick Milkovich, Trace McCarthy, David Osbourn, Saam Mojtahed *(second row)* Collin Mudronick, Mike McGrath, Josh Shalen, Lucas Nossem, Darius Flores, Nick Brajak, Michael Jurkash, Austin Etter, Kyle Hansen *(third row)* Brett Szafsaz, Alec Roquena, Earnest Carter, Matt Gill, Karanpaul Multani, Zac Rinehart, Zach Kennedy, Kye Tratar *(fourth row)* Cody Baker, Scott Shaner, Anthony Giannini, Chimez Oklochala, Nick Powell, Joe Kmak, Zach Eisman, Zach Cherogen, Nick Marlow *(fifth row)* Luca Candelaria, Christian Leonakas, Tony Cress, David Watts, Luke Hilbrich, A.J. Jurick, Sam Helmer, Chris Kritzer *(sixth row)* David Straka, Marko Popovich, Daniel Swiatek, Thomas Kim, Niko Ingoglia, Kyle Wilkensen, Ethan Witting, Sam Bell, Daniel Kerrick *(seventh row)* Daniel Straka, Marco Hernandez, Steven Swingler, Tom Sowinski, Jim Foster, Elliot Maul, Paul Cristo, Alex Crowe, Eric Swingler, Earnest Caston *(eighth row)* Brandon Hoekstra, Ryan Wilkens, Anthony Conroyd, Robert Flanagin-Seels, Jamal Jenkins, Alex Reisnma, Alex Collison, Zach Strbjak, , Paul DeRolf, Dillon Pierie *(ninth row)* Patrick Marsh, Casey Gowens, Ashley Sprinkles, Dana Owens, Jupe Parobek, Natalia Kotz, Teresa Novesel, Amber Kimbrogh, Joe Hemingway, Michael Yager *(back row)* Ryan Gardner, Coach Frank, Coach Jason Gruenwald, Coach Tom Largus, Coach Keith Madderom, Coach Bob Frankowiak, Coach Leroy Marsh, Coach Brian Vance, Coach Bob Shinkan, John Doherty, Coach Morgan Nolan, Coach Joe Helmer

WATERWORKS

Student trainers help out school teams

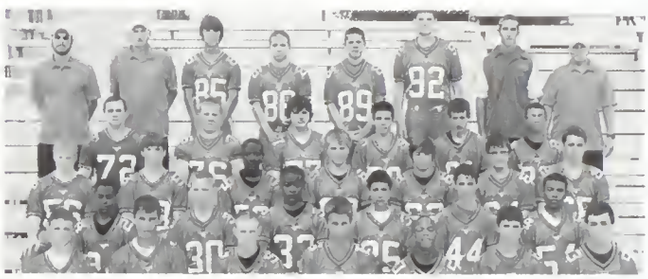
- Get ice for injured players
- Fill coolers with water
- Help with football, soccer, basketball, baseball, softball and volleyball teams

FILL 'EM UP

Before the game against Morton, trainer Dana Owens, junior, fills up coolers with water for the players. "It was easier because you didn't have to carry the coolers off the bus weighing 20 lbs.," Owens said.

Source: Dana Owens, junior

Freshman Football *(front row)* Jacob Helmer, Adam Ostoisch, Matt Childs, Dominic Lucito, Nick Fromm *(second row)* Michael Jackson, Dylan DeYoung, Jared Hill, Jeremy Gonzalez, Sean Pruzin, Woods *(third row)* Jordan Dixon, Joseph Johnston, Laurence Gaines, Casey Terry, Mark Lopez, Justin Woodward, Andrew Getting *(fourth row)* Ethan Buker, Brett Miller, Jimmy Altgilbers, John Hulsen, Patrick Burke, Kalin Bradley *(back row)* Coach Matt Kalwinski, Coach Matt Backs, Jimmy Slavo, Randy Nava, Tyler Steapelton, Jonathan Zimmerman, Ryan Gardner, Coach Josh Herold



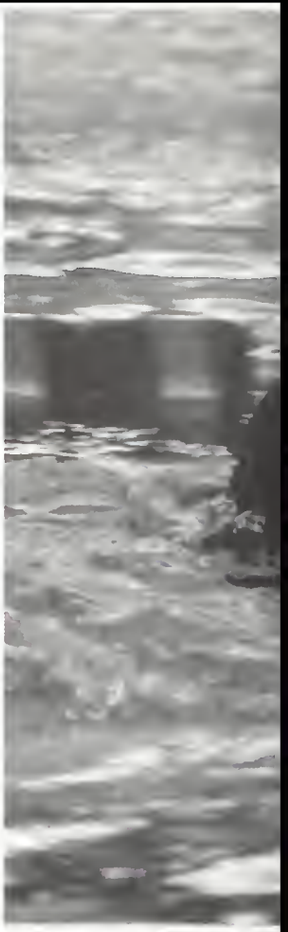
Varsity Football
5-5
NCC 4-2
Lake Central 21-28
Chesterton 0-28
Highland 29-0
Andrean 13-27
Morton 30-26
Griffith 13-20
Hobart 41-6
Lowell 27-8
Kankakee Valley 21-0
Post Season
Crown Point 10-21

Junior Varsity Football
2-6
NCC 1-0
Lake Central 14-66
Chesterton 6-36
Highland 30-6
Andrean 12-25
Griffith 42-0

Freshman Football
4-2
NCC 2-1
Lake Central 19-26
Chesterton 20-12
Highland 41-7
Andrean 13-20
Morton 26-24
Griffith 20-0

WINNING STROKE

After countless practices, Girls' Varsity Swimming places 1st at Sectional finals



Surrounded by bleachers filled with people, the Girls' Varsity Swimming Team huddles in a mass of black and red. Only moments away from starting the meet, excitement fills the air. The team has finally arrived at the State competition, the objective they had been practicing for the entire season. The girls throw their hands into the center of their circle and chant their newest cheer: "I see horses!"

The phrase stemmed from Coach Matthew Pavlovich's, lifesaving teacher, decision to make the warm up jackets read "Sea Horses" as opposed to the traditional spelling of "seahorses" to emphasize the word horse, a term for top athletes. However, the chant also acknowledged another fact: the seahorses "see" each other constantly because of routine practice schedules.

"They were like my blood related sisters," Ashley Hwang, sophomore, said. "At the beginning of the season, we had our bonfire and then Hamilton Southeastern, an overnight meet by Indianapolis. For winter break practices, we saw each other twice a day for two to three hours."

The practices led the team through many victories, one of the most notable being against Chesterton, according to captain Joann Wakefield,senior.

"The Chesterton dual was the most memorable meet because it was the first time we won that meet in my four years at Munster," Wakefield said.

From the Chesterton meet to the post season, Coach Pavlovich felt the team earned their wins because of the effort the girls put in.

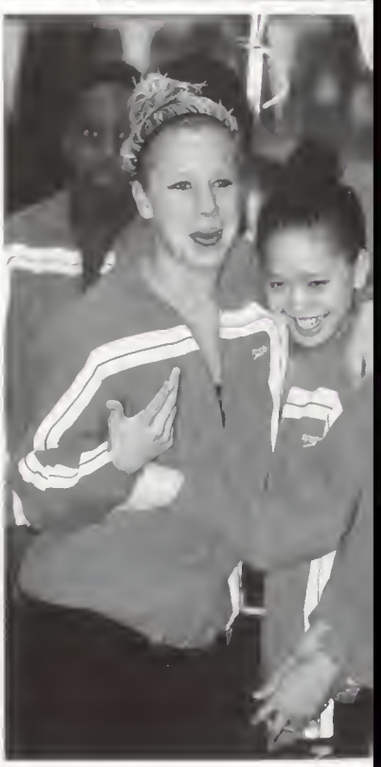
"It was great to see what a team could do that worked so hard and stayed true to what their roles were both in practice and during competition," Coach Pavlovich said.

As the team arrived at State,the meet proved to be a battle at every race, according to Wakefield. The girls ended up placing second out of top eight which exceeded expectations, according to captain Brittany Gilbert, senior.

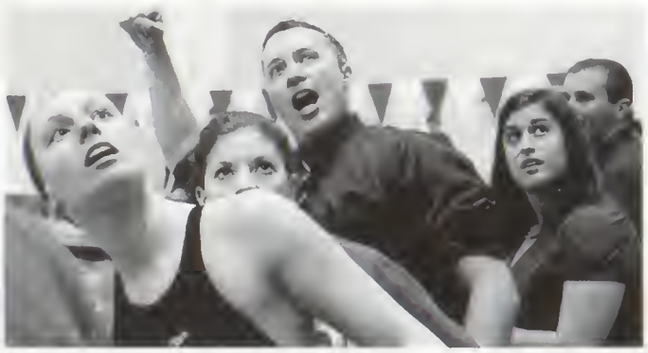
"Throughout the whole season I didn't think such a thing was possible. I thought we would be lucky to get top eight, so second was awesome," Gilbert said. "After the relay was over, we all hugged each other like crazy, and that was when it hit me that it was my second to last relay with those girls."

The bond that team members shared made their victories even sweeter, according to Gilbert. As the season came to a close, she passed on advice to her fellow teammates.

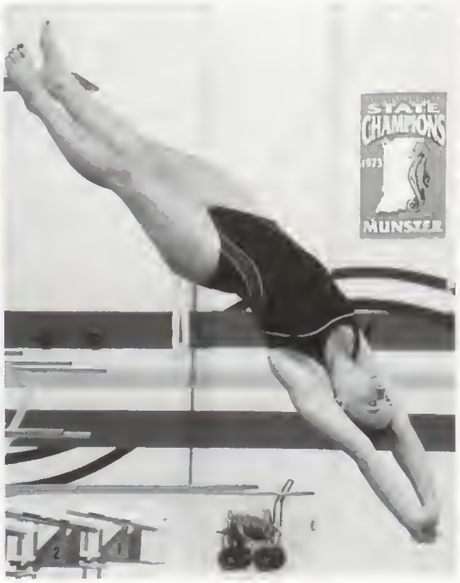
"Swimming was a hard sport both mentally and physically, but having your teammates there made it worthwhile," Gilbert said. "I am not going to lie, swimming back and forth was not fun, but the memories and friendships you made with everyone are going to last forever, so don't go a day without trying your hardest and having a good time while doing it."



SWIM SISTERS Along the sidelines, Pam Muangmingsuk, sophomore, embraces captain Britney Gilbert, senior. Swim team members had a unique bond, according to Muangmingsuk. "We were all pretty close because of time we spent in practice and the locker rooms," Muangmingsuk said.



LOOKING UP With excitement, Emily Wimmer, junior, checks the times her fellow teammates received. The girls kept track of scores to remain aware of what they needed to do to win. "Throughout the meet you could change your line up, so we usually had a backup plan if we were losing," Wimmer said.



FREE FALLING While trying to maintain her form, Sydney Kawalec, freshman, performs the reverse dive. Kawalec would try to focus on her form as she fell. "The reverse dive was my favorite because it was easy enough and challenging enough to the point where I could do it," Kawalec said.

Varsity Girls' Swimming
9-1-1
NCC 5-0

Penn 88-98
Hobart 142-39
Crown Point 93-93
Highland 121-57
Griffith 145-38
Kankakee Valley 124.S-61.S
Valparaiso 133-52
Lowell 146-40
HSE Splash 2nd place
Merrillville 134-52
Highland Invite 1st place
Lake Central 115-71
NCC 1st place
Chesterton 109-77

Post Season
Sectional Finals 1st place
State finals 9th place-

Honors
Mary Beth Blocher 9th
Brittany Gilbert 3rd

Girls' Swimming (*front row*) Carly Kennedy, Sydney Kawalec, Erin Harvath, Audrey Mayer, Mary Bridget Baeza, Taylor Merkel, Carolyn Jones (*second row*) Danielle Conger, Hannah Dempsey, Mia Torres, Isabella Lappo, Emily Anderson, Gabbi Dore, Natalia Swiatko, Allison Cunningham, Nikki Smith (*third row*) Coach Yelena Gober, Emily Wimmer, Pam Muangmingsuk, Emily Lagesteee, Annilee Taylor, Laine Sroge, Ashley Hwang, Heather Hemingway, Rachael Spencer, Coach Cassandra Smith (*back row*) Coach Matt Pavlovich, Cara Leeney, Jillian Homans, Joann Wakefield, Rachel Chen, Arielle Martin, Delilah Owens, Jenny Tassaro

DEEP BREATH Making waves, Nikki Smith, freshman, speeds in her lane while doing a relay. Smith tried to keep her mind clear while in the middle of a race. "While I was swimming, I always tried to focus on having good turns and streamlines," Smith said. "I tried not to overthink the race and just go out there and beat the person next to me."

AGAINST THE TIDE Hannah Dempsey, freshman, cuts through the water during a race. Swimmers constantly worked to better their swim records. "Beforehand, I thought about my technique and my goal time," Dempsey said.

CALM BEFORE THE STORM Only moments before she begins a race, captain Joann Wakefield, senior, pauses to prepare herself. She would normally think about her goal time and the technique required for that specific stroke. "I was usually calm and felt loose because I would stretch out well," Wakefield said. "I was usually a little nervous before championship meets, but as soon as I would step on the starting block it would go away."

SPREADINGCHEER

Swimmers use chants to get motivated at their meets and strengthen the bond between teammates

WITH HER TEAMMATES, Laine Sroge, sophomore, participates in a team cheer. The chant consisted of each class group jumping up at different times and saying 'We ain't bad and we ain't cocky we'll ride on you like Kawasaki go Vroom Vroom Vroom!' "Our pre-meet cheers and rituals got myself and the team pumped up. They showed the other teams that we were a force to be reckoned with," Sroge said. "Before important meets I got really tense and those cheers and rituals loosened me up and helped me focus on my race." **FALLING IN LINE**, Arielle Martin, junior, follows her fellow lady seahorses in a ritual. As they walk into the pool for a meet, the girls circle around the pool while chanting "Seahorse country!" "I liked the cheers because I felt like we were truly a team when we did them," Martin said.

Varsity Boys' Wrestling
6-18
NCC 3-3
Kankakee Valley 33-44
Chesterton 18-54
Portage 15-55
McCutcheon 27-53
Elkhart Memorial 2-76
Andrean 67-6
Lowell 15-62
Plymouth 36-37
SB Riley 6-65
Peru 18-57
Warsaw 3-76
Cathedral 3-72
Calumet 39-3
Southmont 15-55
Valparaiso 5-62
Floyd Central 12-60
Hobart 34-33
Griffith 29-42
Highland 40-36
Lake County Tornament 7th
NCC Meet 5th

Post Season
Sectionals 2nd
Honors
NCC Champion
Sectional Champion
Regional Champion
Semi-state
Dominic Fimbianti 2nd place

TIMEOUT

In order to prevent common injuries from occuring on the mat, wrestlers take precautions

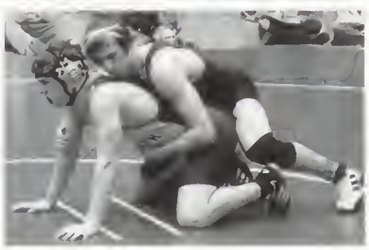
- contusions/concussions
- ankle sprains/ wrist sprains
- dehydration
- finger fractures
- whiplash

Measures taken to prevent the injuries include:
- using prewrap and tape to prevent ankle and wrist sprains
- wearing the head gear at all times during the matches prevents minor head injuries
- structure of uniform refrains from adding extra weight and allows flexibility

source: Chris Kritzer, senior

WRAP IT UP Prior to a match, John Naruracy, junior, takes a visit to the athletic trainer to get his wrist taped up. "I already had injured my hand prior to Regionals, I decided it would be better to take precaution and get my wrist taped up than to have another injury," Naruracy said.

IN PLACE Holding his opponent, Dominic Fimbianti, senior, getts ready to resume the match. "Whenever I was out on the mat, I always used pinning to earn points for the team," Fimbianti said.



HOLD ON With a tight grip, Eric Svboda, sophomore, prepares to take down his opponent. "While wrestling, I tried not to think of the possible outcome," Svboa said. "I just went out and wrestled to the best of my ability."

SIDE BY SIDE Down the center of the gym, Rami Haddadin, senior, gets escorted by Coach Maldonaldo during senior night. "It felt great to get recognized by your fellow team mates and coaches," Haddadin said.

UP FOR GRABS

After losing many seniors the prior year, the wrestling team works together to rebuild the team

One of the tactics wrestlers use to succeed in a match is depriving themselves of essential nutrients such as vegetables and fruits, according to Eric Svboda, sophomore. Two days prior to a match, individuals would choose to not eat or drink anything in order to ensure they will enter their desired weight class.

"Losing weight differs from wrestler to wrestler, most will starve themselves fatiguing their bodies," Eric Svboda, sophomore, said. "Personally, for breakfast I would either have a serving of oatmeal with an egg, or a cutie and a fruit bar. For lunch I would always have soup depending on how far off I was from the weight I needed to be by the next meet. I would have whatever my mom made for dinner but kept it to a small portion; normally it was some sort of meat."

However, Dominic Fimbianti, senior, takes a different approach when it comes to shedding the weight. Instead of turning to complete starvation, Dominic doesn't eat the day before the match along with going to a steam room at World Gym.

"I feel if everyone would have cut their weight, the team would have benefited because then there we would have had a full lineup at tournaments which could've helped score more points," Fimbianti said.

After losing a vast majority of the team to seniors, incoming freshmen had to step up to the plate and take their position on the team.

"Losing our seniors hurt, but it was time to rebuild the team with our incoming class of freshman," Coach Ryan Alb, Earthspace Science teacher, said. "We knew this year would be tough but our young guys made big improvements all year."

With practice five days a week at a minimum of two hours, brushing up on some skills and techniques proved not to be easy, according to Adam Kulam, freshman.

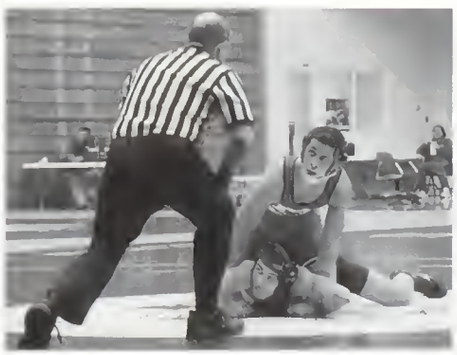
After receiving second place at Sectionals against Lake Central, the team had 12 individuals who qualified for Regionals. Amongst the individuals attending Regionals for the first time was Adam.

"As I walked into the gym for Regionals, my mind went straight to focusing entirely on my match," Kulam said.

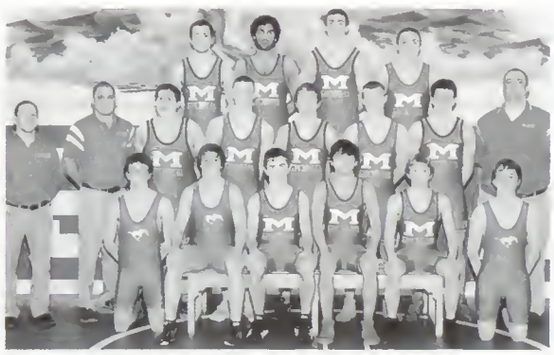
Although the team may not have fulfilled their ultimate goal for the season, the team had Dominic who advanced to Semi-state and returned with a second place.

"Although we did not win State this year, we will always have next year," Eric said. "And we will come out better and stronger than ever."

ON TOP Wrapped around his opponent, Dylan Deyoung, freshman, struggles to remain on top. "When you were in a better position than your partner, it felt great to know you could bring on your moves," Deyoung said.



PINNED DOWN With patience, Darius Flores, senior, looks up at the referee as he counts down to end the match. "As the ref counted down, it motivated to me to push harder," Flores said.



Varsity Wrestling (*front row*) Jake Collins, Mark Lopez, Ryan Glasen, Adam Kulam, Kyle Knoerzer, Mike Dec (*second row*) Coach Alb, Coach Maldonaldo, Tim Wieser, Adam Bogs, Dylan Deyoung, Zachary Slosser, Nick Powell, Coach Galante (*back row*) Alec Boyd, Sahib Singh, Dominic Fimbianti, Chris Kritzer

HEART AND SOUL

Perfecting dances since summer, the Varsity Dance Team wins the Regional Competition

As captain Ellen Wynn, senior, strolls into the new dance room, she glances at the MYD (Munster Varsity Dance) board on the wall. Pictures and stickers cover the board, reminding the Dance Team of its unity and memories together.

"The new dance room was so nice," Jessica Cieslak, senior, said. "We couldn't be more thankful to have one finally! The high ceilings made for a more open environment, and there was a bulletin board for us to decorate. There was also a projector screen for us to watch our performances on!"

From June to March, the Dance Team spent at least about 10 hours dancing together every week. In order to perfect their Pom and Lyrical dances for competition, each dancer needed to attend practice and commit themselves to the team, according to Wynn.

"During practices, we were just trying to get the dances perfect and get our endurance up, so we could do well at competition," Wynn said. "I expected us to do very well. We just had to keep practicing and stay focused."

Determined to beat their rivals Crown Point and Floyd Central, the girls regularly met and trained. Despite numerous injuries, such as Wynn's meniscus tear, the team persisted and succeeded at several competitions. The dancers won both Pom and Lyrical when they competed at Kahler and Lake Central. After building up such momentum, the Dance Team hoped to carry on the success in post season. Obtaining a 90 in Lyrical and a 92 in Pom at Regionals, the girls exceeded all their expectations.

"Those scores were extremely high for Regionals, and we got first place in both" Wynn said. "We were really happy about that!"

Advancing to State, the Varsity Dance Team aimed to win the first place titles there, as well. The practices continued and increased in intensity. When the girls competed at State, they danced their best, according to Kate Lasser, senior. However, they placed second in both the Pom and Lyrical dances.

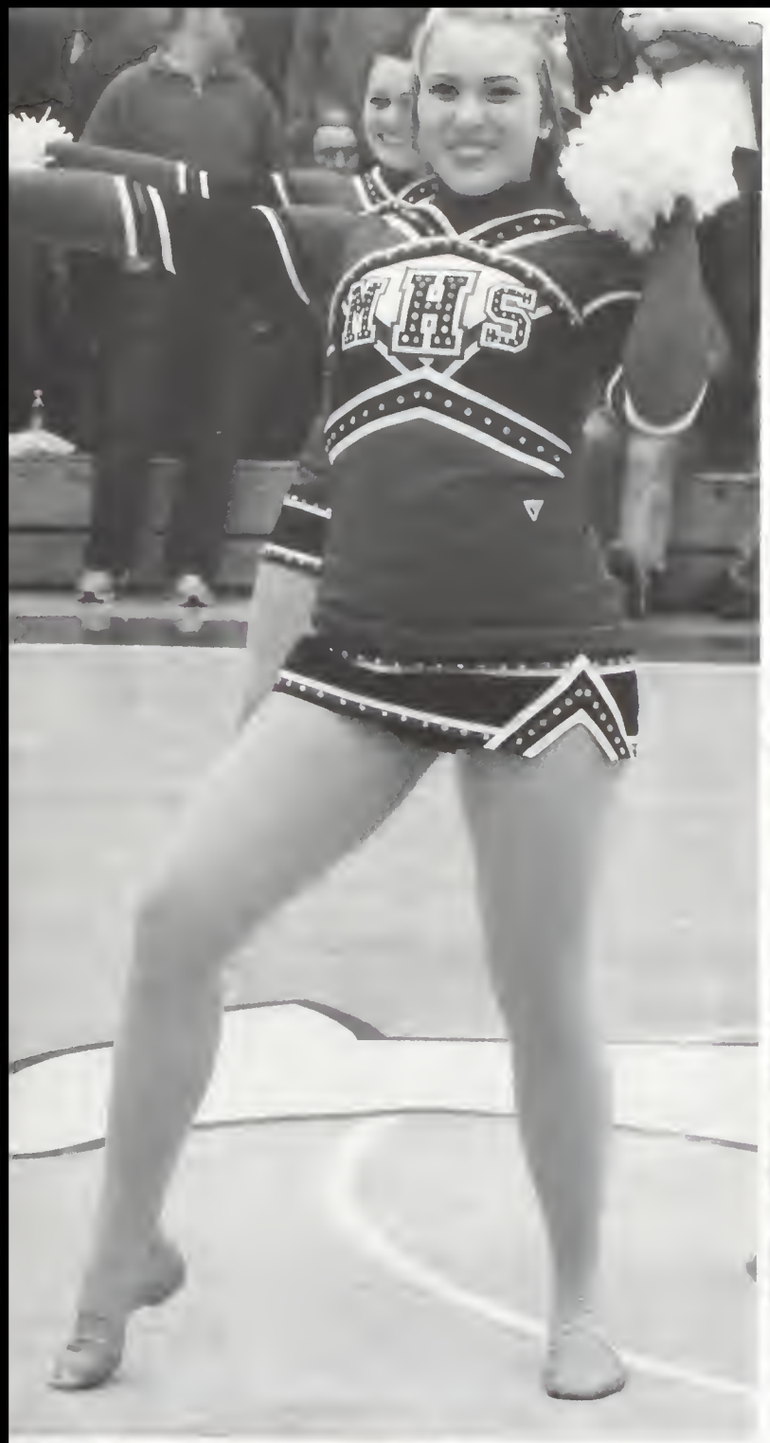
"We were really surprised to hear we got second," Lasser said. "We thought we did better and deserved better, but what counted was that we tried and gave it our all and that we did it together."

The Dance Team did more than just dance together. They had several cherished traditions such as sleepovers and "sisters." Activities like these made this group of girls more of a family than a team, according to Chelsey Wallace, senior. Those pictures on the bulletin board remind the dancers of their times together, as one.

ALL SMILES Poms in hand, Taylor Kmak, senior, performs the Pom routine with a smile at the Munster Invite. "Facials were really important because if you looked like you were enjoying the dance, other people were more likely to enjoy it as well," Kmak said.

ONE TEAM Holding up their index fingers, the Varsity dancers keep up the high energy and danced as one. "Everyone was super close because the seniors had danced together for so long, and we only had six other people," Chelsey Wallace, senior, said. "It was really easy for everyone to work together, and we loved spending time together outside the team and did a lot of group bonding. I can honestly say I considered them very good friends of mine."

ON POINT At an after school practice in the new dance room, Jane Sannito, freshman, practices the Lyrical dance. As a team, the dancers had to work together and help one another with various stunts. The girls depended on each other and supported one another to make sure they danced as one, according to Sannito.



JUMPS AND LEAPS Leaping across the gym, Catherine Tavitas, freshman, and Gina Catania, sophomore, practice the Lyrical dance. "Practices were where we decided what was going to work for us as a team and what wasn't," Catania said. "The only way we could get better was by always practicing together. Practices gave you time to perfect what you needed in order to do your best at competitions."

JV Dance *(front row)* Morgan Kaptur, Jessica Ivetich *(second row)* Lexi Gasich, Maggie Gerber, Shelinda Jones *(back row)* Lily Hasler, Taylor Winiecki, Gianna Fotopoulos, Meredith Simmons, Katie Gloff

Varsity Dance *(front row)* Jessica Cieslak, Jackie Malayter, Nicole Bizoukas, Ellen Wynn *(second row)* Chelsey Wallace, Maggie Thomas, Taylor Kmak, Nicole Rakich, Kate Lasser *(back row)* Maddie Kasper, Catherine Tavitas, Jane Sannito, Gina Catania, Sarah Sharpe, Mackenzie Kasper

IN HIGH SPIRITS Knees in the air, Nicole Rakich, senior; Maddie Kasper, junior; and Shelinda Jones, junior, dance during halftime at the Homecoming game. The Dance Team used this time to show off their practice and increase the crowd's spirit.

BROKEN BONES

From rigorous dancing, several girls suffer painful injuries

- tendonitis
- knee problems
- toe injuries
- back injuries
- hip muscles
- neck tension
- foot injuries
- broken toe
- rib dislocation

WITH AN UNBEARABLE PAIN IN HER KNEE, captain Ellen Wynn, senior, suffered during the Lyrical dance at the Showcase. "I got injured in it at the very beginning, but I kept dancing until I absolutely couldn't anymore," Wynn said. "My medial meniscus in my left knee tore completely off and flipped around backwards. It was one of the worst meniscus tears. It was shaped like a bucket handle instead of as a regular c-shaped meniscus." To remedy her injury, Wynn underwent surgery and had it all cut. After some time of rest and physical therapy, Wynn returned to the Dance Team at the end of January. **IN HER DANCE HOODIE,** Jessica Cieslak, senior, lays on the floor with an ice pack to recover from her injuries. The rigorous dancing and practices caused several girls to deal with numerous injuries, from their backs to their knees.

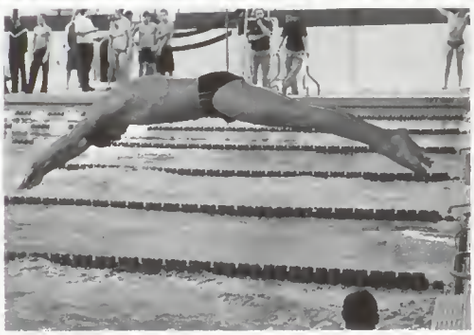
Varsity Boys' Swimming 8-2-1

5-0 Conference

Penn 69-117
Griffith 142-37
Munster Relays 1st place
Kankakee Valley 128-55
Valparaiso 106-80
Lowell 106-80
Hamilton Southeastern Splash 5th place
Highland Invite 1st place
South Bend Riley 93-93
Merrillville 140-46
Hobart 141-37
Lake Central 95-91
Highland 114-72
Chesterton 55-131

Post Season
Conference 1st place
Sectionals 1st place
State 46th place

PUSHING FORWARD Arms lifting himself out of the water, James Beckman, freshman, does the Butterfly. "We trained our hardest every day and kept each other in the best moods possible," Beckman said. "Winning was the ultimate goal."



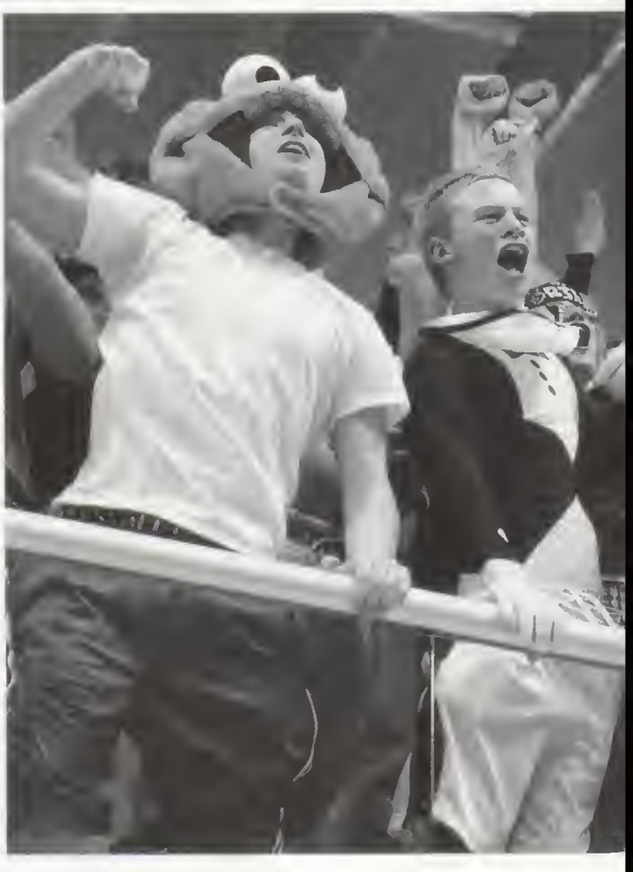
DIVE IN Off the block and headed into the pool, captain Kyle Ruckert, senior, does a practice stroke before the meet begins. "Warming up was important," Ruckert said. "It got you stretched, but it also pumped you up and got you in the right mindset."

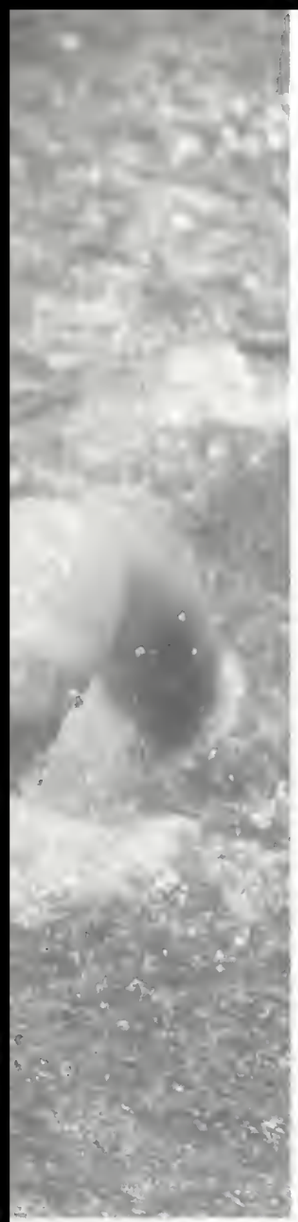
SPIRITED SWIMMERS

The boys keep Seahorse Country alive by practicing their traditions

- Dying and shaving hair right before Sectionals
- Dressing up in costumes and cheering on the Girls' team at their Sectionals
- Chanting "SCOD" which stands for "Seahorse Country or Die."

SEAHORSE COUNTRY Cheering his team on at Sectionals, captain Kyle Ruckert, senior, chants "SCOD," which means, "Seahorse Country or Die." "It was the chant that the teams always used," Ruckert said. "It showed that even though we were two teams, we were united."





FIGHT FOR IT

Through teamwork and traditions, the Boys' Swimming Team works under new leaders

"SCOD, SCOD, SCOD!" chant the Boys' Swimming Team at each and every swim meet. SCOD stood for "Seahorse Country Or Die," the boys' motto that kept them going all season.

The boys headed into the season going strong. Anyone would have thought that overcoming the obstacles of losing the entirety of last year's state team would have been this team's challenge, but that was not the case, according to captain Kyle Ruckert, senior.

"People kept saying, 'You guys must be having a hard time making up for all the seniors,'" Ruckert said. "Last year's seniors were in charge of getting wins last season. The rest of the team spent the entire time preparing for this season because we knew what we were going to be up against."

The boys went to Sectionals, winning their 27th Sectional in a row, the longest-running Sectional winning streak in the state.

"This was my senior year, and it was my fastest season yet," Colin Henson, senior, said. "I got to go down to State with the other guys."

The Seahorses went to State, bringing seniors , Kyle Ruckert, and Eric Dobis, Sammy Odtallah, sophomore, and freshmen Joey Gardner and James Beckman. The team ended the season with 46th place at State.

"I swam in two events, and it was only my freshman year," Gardner said. "I was pretty surprised by how well I was able to do this year, considering I was so young."

The team had to replace a lot of talent, but they were still able win Sectionals, which proved something to be proud of, according to Henson.

"I was proud of these guys," Coach Morgan Nolan, history teacher, said. "They had a lot of obstacles this season, and I thought they proved themselves."

Regardless of the obstacles, one thing would never change: the tradition and unity between the Seahorses, according to Ruckert.

"The biggest thing I took away from being a Seahorse was the brotherhood," Ruckert said. "I loved these guys, and I've swum with them all through high school. To me, these guys were my brothers."

LEAP OF FAITH At Girls' Swimming Sectionals, sophomores, Jimmy Perino and Matt Specht dress up and support the Girls' Team. "It's been a tradition that we dress up and support each other at our Sectionals," Perino said. "It was just a fun thing that we got to do for each other."

HOOTS AND HOLLERS w and ready to start, Zach Cherogan, junior, prepares to dive. Having good form proved to be a vital skill for divers.

UP FOR AIR His hands pushing himself farther, James Beckman, freshman, does the breaststroke. "I got to do two events this year, and this was my signature," Beckman said. "I got really far with it, and I got to swim at state with it."

Boys' Swimming *(front row)* Colin Sroge, Seth Weston, Jake Comanse, Joey Gardner, Jeremy Gonzalez, James Beckman, Martin Areano *(second row)* Andres Bedolla, Paul Schmidt, Chris Rhodes, Sammy Odtallah, Daniel Straka, Demitri Delis, Matt Specht, Jimmy Perino, James Beniak *(third row)* Coach Cassandra Smith, Coach Matthew Pavlovich, Sean Cloghessey, Martin Bustalino, Brandon Armagast, Kyle Fissinger, Zachary Cherogan, Nick Simic, Max Lundin, Coach Morgan Nolan *(back row)* Collin Henson, David Straka, Evan Frystak, Eric Dobis, Kyle Ruckert, Cole Briggs, Henry Gallegher

Girls' Varsity Basketball
10-11
NCC 3-3

Valparaiso 58-46
Lake Central 57-64
Chesterton 39-75
Andrean 41-35
Noblesville 30-47
Knox 45-44
Hobart 49-46
Lowell 26-63
Gary West 50-56
Griffith 29-33
Merrillville 24-59
Crown Point 31-57
Calumet 63-36
Morton 48-39
Kankakee Valley 44-38
Mishawaka 46-39
East Chicago Central 49-47
Highland 36-43
Portage 20-42
Hammond 52-39

Post Season
Sectional
Lake Central 38-47

Girls' JV Basketball
12-4
NCC 4-2

Chesterton 38-17
Andrean 40-8
Hobart 28-23
Lowell 41-40
Gary West 30-3
Griffith 24-12
Merrillville 29-25
Crown Point 25-28
Calumet 41-24
Morton 38-17
Kankakee Valley 23-27
Mishawaka 33-23
East Chicago 35-33
Highland 30-39
Portage 16-30
Hammond 44-15

Girls' Freshman Basketball
7-9
NCC 3-2

Bishop Noll 31-4
Hobart 30-31
Lake Central 23-47
Bishop Noll 44-10
Chesterton 19-60
Lowell 36-31
Crown Point 22-36
Highland 14-34
Hanover 37-33
Kankakee Valley 20-14
Chesterton 19-36
Portage 35-29
Crown Point 18-23
Highland 26-22
Valparaiso 19-34
Merrillville 30-31

ONETIME

Players share their most memorable moments from the season

"Senior Night was something I will never forget. The speeches the juniors made for us were great. Also, everyone got their chance to contribute to the win. It was just a really great night for the entire team."
-Hannah Buvala, senior

"Lake Central was our second game in the season and we did really well in the first half. We were leading by one, then in the third quarter, we still had the lead. We lost, but I felt for only our second game, we played really well. didn't get the outcome we wanted."
-Lauren Gruenwald, senior

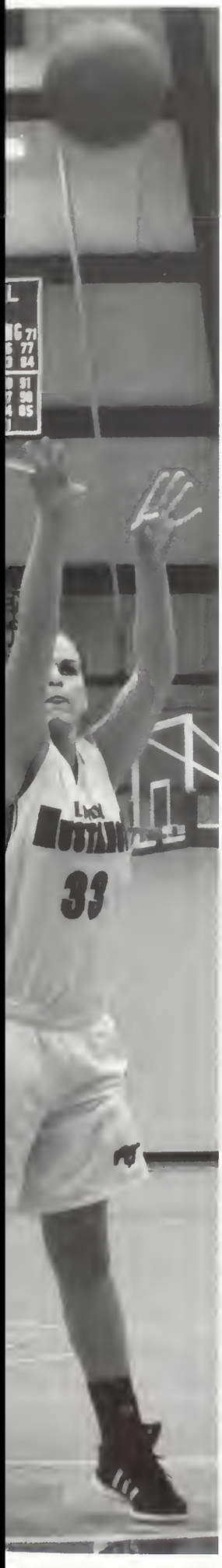
Girls' JV Basketball *(front row)* Revati Kalluri, Erin Gallagher, Anna Bachert, Laurissa Portillo *(back row)* Sofia Grubisich, Rachel Jones, Miranda Mihalic, Melanie Krueger, Danielle Hladek, Coach Kyleen Nolan

Girls' Freshman Basketball *(front row)* Taylor Mahalic, Natalie Vellutini, Saide Conner, Danica Obradovic *(back row)* Jessica Flores, Cayla Bales, Coach Jason Grunewald, Elizabeth Kloos

Girls' Varsity Basketball *(front row)* Saide Conner, Jordan Cole, Jessica Flores, Jolie Watson, Serena Lopez *(second row)* Coach Kyleen Nolan, Cayla Bales, Hannah Buvala, Hannah White, Alyssa Sheets, Anika Gasich, Bernadette Grabowski, Coach Jason Grunewald *(back row)* Coach Matthew Backs, Lauren Grunewald, Aleksandra Obradovic, Alexis DeLuna, Coach Mike Mikolajzyk

PEP TALK Dry erase marker in hand, Coach Matthew Backs, Wilbur Wright teacher, reviews strategy with the team during a timeout. "We talked about defense and plays," Coach Backs said. "We also discussed what to watch out for from our opponents and possible game situations."

GET TOGETHER Before the start of a game, the team huddles together to get ready to play. "We reviewed what our coaches told us," Alyssa Sheets (30), senior, said. "Then, we'd get focused and motivated."



SHOOT & SCORE

Girls' Varsity Basketball works to improve and succeed in their season

Tied at 47 points, with 3.3 seconds left, the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team fights East Chicago Central (ECC) for the win. Scoring a clutch shot, Bernadette Grabowski, junior, brings the team to a 49-47 lead. ECC tries to inbound the ball, but it is stolen by the team and they seal their victory.

"When we beat ECC, it was awesome," Aleksandra Obradovic, senior, said. "Everyone stood up from the benches and started jumping around. We were so excited, even though it was just a regular season game."

Going into the season, the team was unsure how it would play out with a young team. However, as they got to know each other and saw the talent they had, they became more self-assured, according to Obradovic. The team also gained confidence seeing how well they worked together, according to Lauren Grunewald, senior.

"The team really got along," Grunewald said. "We didn't have any drama, so I felt like we were going to do well."

The team bonded through various activities, including pasta parties and dancing in the locker rooms before games.

During practice, the team focused on defense and other fundamentals during practice to hone their skills and improve their performance.

"Defense was very important to work on because your offense could've been having a bad game where you were not shooting well," Coach Matthew Backs, Wilbur Wright teacher, said. "However, if you played good defense you would still be in the game."

Working together, the team was able to pull out many wins including Andrean, Hobart and Kankakee Valley. The team's chemistry and hard work allowed them to also pull out some unexpected victories, according to Obradovic. These victories included ECC and Mishawaka.

"Those wins were definitely unexpected," Obradovic said. "I don't think many of people thought we could do it because those teams were so good."

However, the team did not win some games they should have, according to Obradovic. These games included Griffith, Highland and Crown Point.

"In those games we didn't shoot well," Coach Backs said. "In the Highland game we had tired legs since we had just beaten ECC the night before and our defense gave up too many easy baskets."

The team ended with a 3-3 Conference record and entered the Sectional game against Lake Central "ready to play and leave it all on the court," according to Grunewald.

"In the beginning, we were able to hold our own but then, we started to lose it," Obradovic said. "But, when we came out the second half, it was like we had a new energy. We caught up big time and got our momentum going."

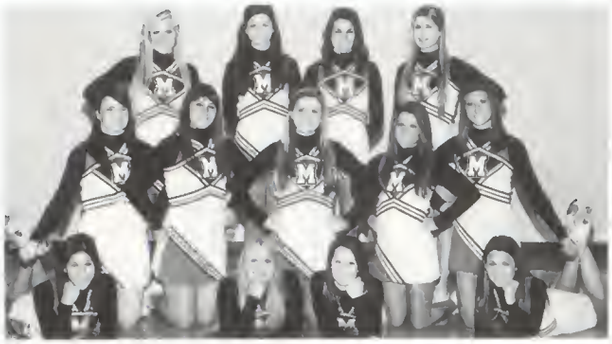
However, the team ended the game with 38 points, nine points behind the Indians.

"I felt like it ended too shortly," Obradovic said. "I thought back to the past four years and how I'm going to miss basketball and my teammates."

CLEAR HEAD Eyes locked on the ball, Aleksandra Obradovic (33), senior, concentrates while shooting a free throw. "I really tried to clear my head of everything before I shot," Obradovic said. "When I tried thinking about my shot, I would overthink it and eventually mess up."

PASS ALONG Dribbling the ball, Bernadette Grabowski (23), junior, looks for a teammate to pass to. "Good teamwork is important to have on and off the court," Grabowski said. "We had to learn how to work with each other and become better friends on the court."

KEEP AWAY Side-stepping around an opposing Chesterton player, Anika Gasich (32), junior, defends her possession of the ball. "Chesterton was planning to take me out of the game by guarding me the entire time," Gasich said. "I was trying to score because we were down and I wanted to make a good play for the team."



Varsity Cheerleading *(front row)* Renee Zapinski, Nicole Delia, Emily Mis, Erica Tuley *(second row)* Megan Welch, Anna Shahegian, Taylor Brozovic, Hannah Colias, Lorin Levitan *(back row)* Ashley Suda, Megan Sheets, Olivia Wagner, Angela Jones

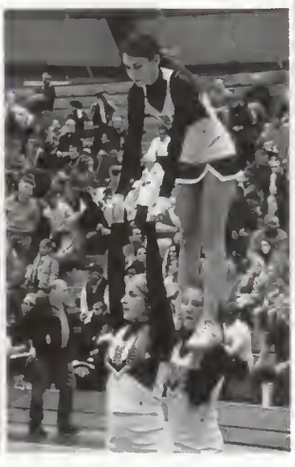
Freshman Cheerleading *(front row)* Lauren Koultourides, Elizabeth Dellarocco *(second row)* Kassandra Luehrs,Natalia Swiatko, Shaniyah Kimbrough *(back row)* Kelly Mundy, Julianne Rice, Catherine Arndt, Brianna Crowe

JV Cheerleading *(front row)* Kaley Regan, Emily Bochnowski, Jamie Whiting, Rachel Ruffalo *(second row)* Elaina Etter, Allison Wisnewski, Emma Nossem, Gina Rice, Sydney Gunty *(back row)* Kati Kalemba, Valerie Niemic, Allison Franklin, Allison Stahl

STUNTMASTER

From football games to competitions, cheerleaders perform complicated stunts and tumbling

ARMS IN THE AIR, Lorin Levitan, senior, performs in front of the student section at the Andrean football game. "Most of the stunts we did were complicated because we wanted to look good in front of all the spectators at the games and such," Levitan said. **PREPARING TO BE A** flier, Erica Tuley, junior, gets help from her bases to do a leg hold in the air during the Merrillville Boys' Basketball game. The girls practiced several times a week, including during winter break, according to Anna Shehegian, senior. **FOCUSED ON HER FORM**, Megan Welch, senior, does a round-off back handspring full twist 3 back handsprings full twist. "I only did that one time on the gym floor, and that was at the Andrean game," Welch said. "I always loved to tumble and definitely always will because I felt like myself when I was upside down."



IN GOOD SPIRIT

Cheerleaders place at competitions and boost school spirit during football and basketball games

With her leg up as high as it goes, Hannah Colias, senior, balances herself atop her teammates, making sure her form is perfect. After 30 seconds, she breathes a sigh of relief, twisting and landing into her teammates' arms.

With complicated stunt routines, the JV and Varsity Cheerleading Team had to stay focused and practice several times a week, according to captain Megan Welch, senior. However, their hard work paid off with their performances at various competitions.

Successful competitions included one at Crown Point, in which the Varsity Cheerleading Team won their division and also received the High School Grand Champions award. They also competed at a competition in LaPorte, where the girls also received first place, and won overall grand champions with a stunt group on the Varsity Cheerleading Team receive third place. According to Colias, the Varsity Cheerleading Team had a very successful season.

Apart from competitions, the JV and Varsity Cheerleading Teams performed during half-time at football and basketball games, as well as cheered on the sidelines. Cheering was a way to boost the players' spirit and have fun with friends, according to Lorin Levitan, senior.

"I believed that the cheerleaders helped get the players pumped," Levitan said, "and they also gave the players encouragement for the games."

Other than actual cheering, the cheerleaders planned and set up Turnabout.

"Planning Turnabout was fun for me because it was my first year as a cheerleader, and it was cool to do other things besides cheer," Brianna Crowe, freshman, said. "When I went to the dance, I was proud at how awesome the gym looked and how everything turned out. It was a great experience."

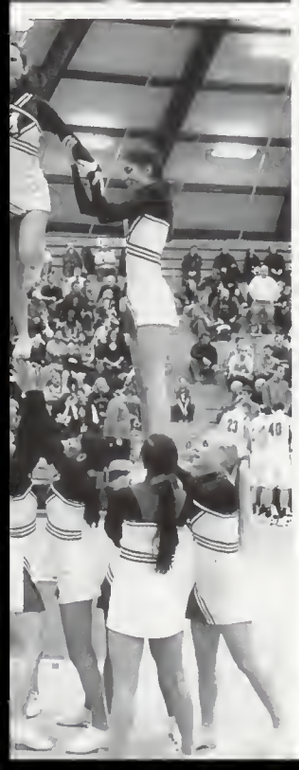
Bonding activities like this really brought the team together, according to Colias. "This year we started to have team dinners and do community service to bring us together and get out in the community," Colias said.

In addition to these activities, the girls had big and little sisters to support each other during the season. The seniors received gifts at senior night, and at the beginning of the year the Varsity cheerleaders bought gifts and had a scavenger hunt for their little sisters.

With all these activities contributing to the success of the year, the girls had a great time overall, according to Colias.

"It was the best season I have had in all my years of cheerleading," Colias said, "because our amazing coach Kristen Szafasz cared so much."

FANTASTIC FORM Arm up with complexion glowing, Taylor Brozovic, senior, cheers at the Andrean football game. Having near perfect form was important to making the cheers look cohesive and clean, according to Anna Shehegian, senior.



TOP IT OFF During the halftime show at the Merrillville basketball game, Hannah Colias, senior, prepares to do a double twist in the air, then land into the bases' arms. "Cheering at the basketball games was fun, and we had a very successful seasons at the competitions as well," Colias said.

STRETCH IT OUT Before she performed at the Pep Rally, Olivia Wagner, junior, does a scorpion, while also stretching at the same time with Erica Tuley, junior. "Well I thought it was important to stretch before cheering because most the things we did require flexibility, especially jumps and tumbling," Wagner said, "and if we didn't stretch we'd probably pull something and our jumps wouldn't be as high.

BIG AND LITTLE Cheering with little cheerleaders from the annual kids cheer camp, Kaley Regan, freshman, helps a little girl with her form. Every year, the cheerleaders and poms host a kids camp, then perform at the halftime show during the basketball game the same day.

Varsity Boys' Basketball 17-4

NCC 6-0

Gavit 58-46
Hammond High 57-45
Morton 71-43
East Chicago 72-39
Penn 64-51
Lake Central 49-53
Warren Central 51-58
Marion 65-54
Kankakee Valley 71-38
Highland 61-43
Michigan City 64-42
Hobart 62-52
Lowell 85-55
Valparaiso 60-40
Griffith 77-30
Merrillville 53-54
Gary West 56-50
Chesterton 83-44
Andrean 69-59
South Bend Riley 70-50

Post Season

Lake Central 56-66

Freshman Boys' Basketball *(front row)* Michael Hayes, John Hulsey, Nick Fromm, Grant Rademacher, Jimmy Delis, Jacob Helmer *(back row)* Matthew Childs, Andrew Getting, Nikola Mandich, Coach Bojan Jovanovic, Ethan Baker, Dan Philipsborn, Adam Ostoich

JV Boys' Basketball 15-4

NCC 6-0

Gavit 44-36
Hammond High 44-23
Morton 50-28
East Chicago 44-38
Penn 38-44
Lake Central 34-49
Warren Central 53-38
Bowman 33-34
Kankakee Valley 53-20
Highland 45-25
Michigan City 44-25
Hobart 44-30
Lowell 50-11
Valparaiso 29-25
Griffith 59-41
Merrillville 44-36
Gary West 50-30
Chesterton 34-41
Andrean 38-18
South Bend Riley

JV Boys' Basketball *(front row)* Sam Toth, Alex DelRio, Steven Herndon, Kevin Schlotman, Luke Wuchenich, Austin Eiland *(back row)* Coach Jacob Argenta, Ben Wanicki, Pat McCarthy, Cody Gryzbowski, Coach Greg Luksich

Freshman Boys' Basketball A 15-5

NCC 4-0

Lowell 54-42
Crown Point 56-54
Highland 52-22
Clark 63-30
Morton 38-32
Kankakee Valley 46-31
Hobart 44-25
Portage 31-32
Calumet 43-15
Chesterton 42-31
Lake Central 34-44
Bishop Noll 40-11
Griffith 48-18
Hammond 43-34
East Chicago 33-34
Andrean 44-30
Lake Central 52-46
Crown Point 38-42
Merrillville 44-42
Valparaiso 35-43

Varsity Boys' Basketball *(front row)* Cody Gryzbowski, Craig Dedelow, Drew Hackett, Scott Jerge, Michael Schlotman, Luke Wuchenih, Pat McCarthy *(back row)* John Doherty, Coach Jacob Argenta, Coach Mike Hackett, Mark Strbjak, Nate Bubash, Danilo Zekovic, Coach Bojan Jovanovic, Coach Greg Luksich

Freshman Boys' Basketball B 3-4-1

FATHERSON

Drew Hackett, freshman, joins the Varsity Boys' Basketball Team under the coaching of his dad

"It was different. He'd never coached me before. He used to just be a parent at my games, but now he's my coach. He yelled at me more than usual. I expected him to be harder on me because I'm his son, and he could say what he wanted to me. Overall, I thought it was a great experience having my dad as my coach."
-Drew Hackett, freshman

"I really tried to treat him the same as the other team members. It wouldn't be fair to him if I was harder on him or easier on him. I'm really proud of everything he handled. Being a freshman, he fit in really well with the Varsity Team, and he never looked out of place, scared or intimidated."
-Coach Mike Hackett, health teacher

OPEN UP Eyes looking for an open player, Danilo Zekovic (44), senior, keeps the ball away from a Michigan City player. Zekovic's season consisted of adjustments to the game.

DRIVEN RUN With possession of the ball, Michael Schlotman (3), junior, drives past a Merrillville. "I was just trying to score," Schlotman said. The Mustangs lost 53-54.

ON THE BLOCK

After losing key players, the Boys' Varsity Baskeball Team overcomes obstacles, ending the season Conference champions

The crowd's ear-splitting screams echo throughout the gym as the Varsity Boys' Basketball Team runs onto the court. Dressed in their Sunday best, the superfan section goes wild as the Mustangs battle the Andrean 59ers for the coveted Conference title. "Moses" makes an appearance, mightily parting the sea of fans. With the score of 69-59, the Mustangs ended the game with a victorious win for the fans.

"The fans brought the energy and that helped us stay focused," Michael Schlotman, junior, said. "We wanted to win for them."

The team ended the season with a record of 17-4 and fell two games short of winning the Sectional Championship for the fourth time in a row. Following an undefeated season required the team to step up their game and take on larger roles, according to Nate Bubash, junior.

"We had to do what was best for the team and lead the younger players," Bubash said.

To help increase the chemistry on the court, the team put in hours of practice before and after school. The practices included the repetition of offensive and defensive plays, along with the utilization of the new weight room toward the end of the season, according to Danilo Zekovic, senior.

"We always worked on fundamentals and team play," Coach Mike Hackett, health teacher, said. "We tried to get everyone comfortable with each other."

However, the hours of work couldn't match up to a non-conference enemy Lake Central. The Mustangs encountered the Indians in the regular season and in their first post-season game. Lake Central proved to be their toughest match, according to Bubash.

"We didn't get a win from them," Bubash said. "We couldn't pull it off."

Despite the two losses to Lake Central, the team experienced more than 20 point wins against seven different teams. These wins drove the team to strive for the best record they could attain.

Along with adjusting to the loss of three major seniors, the team also welcomed new members, such as exchange student Zekovic. The team adjusted along with Zekovic and viewed him as an asset.

"Danilo was a really nice addition," Coach Hackett said. "He was a good player and a nice kid. He fit in really well with the team. He was in a difficult position, trying to fit into our system in only one year, which wasn't easy, but he did a great job."

As the season came to a close, the team that became known as the "underdogs" proved them wrong by finishing with only four losses.

HANDS IN THE AIR Trying to escape opposing players blocks, Nate Bubash (30), junior, goes in for a shot. "When shooting I tried to focus on getting a good high release and getting it to the back half of the rim so it had the best chance to go it," Bubash said. Although the pressure was on during the game, Bubash remained focused.

REBOUND READY Heads up, Mark Strbjak (5), senior, and Drew Hackett (22), freshman, look for the rebound during the Conference Championship. The Mustangs won Conference by ten points against Andrean.

LOOK OUT Ready to pass the ball, Scott Jerge (15), senior, looks for a cutter so he can pass the ball. "The game against Merrillville was one of our weaker games," Jerge said. "We lost by one point. We had an opportunity to win, and we should have."

ON THE RUN As she closes the distance between her and her opponent, Alex Meier, senior, begins her pass on the track. "I usually used anger if I was side by side with someone to motivate me to pusher harder. I thought I worked too hard for this to just give up," Meier said.

GO THE DISTANCE Looking at the field ahead of her, Hayley Morris, senior, prepares to launch the discuss into the air as she practices before a meet. "I thought people underestimated throwers' abilities," Morris said. "To be a thrower, it took a lot of upper body strength, and it took a lot of grace. You could be the strongest person, but if you couldn't be graceful and didn't learn the technique, you wouldn't throw well."

MAKING HISTORY

The Girls' Track team wins Sectionals for the first time

"We felt extremely accomplished and appreciative that this year's team would forever be in school history for being the first to win Girls' Track Sectionals. The night was even more special for me because I was thrilled that I won my event."

- SYDNEY GUNTY, SOPHOMORE

Varsity Girls' Track
6-0
NCC 6-0
Andrean 119-13
Kankakee Valley 79-53
Griffith 105-26
Lowell 84-47
Penn Invite 10th
Highland 106- 26
Munster Invite 1st
Calumet Invite 1st
Hobart 94-37
NCC Meet 1st

Post Season
Sectionals 1st
Regionals 7th

Honors
Sectional Champions
1600 and 3200- Colleen Ogren; 300 hurdles- Alex Meier; 1600 relay- Caley Mintz, Olivia Askew, Allison Boyle, Alex Meier; 3200 relay- Mykaela Burton, Brittany Barajas, Colleen Ogren, Allison Boyle; Pole Vault- Sydney Gunty; Shot Put- Amber Kimbrough; Discus- Haley Morris
NCC Champions
3200 relay- Mykaela Burton, Brittany Barajas, Colleen Ogren, Allison Boyle; 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles- Alex Meier; 400 Allison Boyle; 400 relay- Caley Mintz, Alex Meier, Gabbi Dallecarbonare, Olivia Askew

Girls' Track *(first row)* Hayley Morris, Morgan Stahl, Sarah Dedelow, Lindsay Spyrka, Kayla Keith, Caley Mintz, Charity Davis, Gabby Dallecarbonare *(second row)* Mariah Saucedo, Elah Brooks, Brittany Smith, Hanna Marriott, Kate DeGeorge, Alex Meier, Allison Boyle, Megan Ford, Taylor Watrobka *(third row)* Colleen Ogren, Jade Broadnax, Kaitlyn Taylor, Nadia Radowick, Christina McNeiley, Melissa Vezmar, Maddy Moyer, Carrie Boelt *(fourth row)* Sylvie Kristoff, Jennie Kristoff, Ashley Frasco, Arielle Martin, Casey Griffin, Mykaela Burton, Asia Benson, Katie Gajewski, Sierra Smith *(fifth row)* Chloe Salisbury, Kim Szymkowski, Emily Anderson, Alisha Maiolo, Oliva Askew, Christiana Todorovic, Sydney Gunty, Lia Andreatos, Kaillee Loughlin, Elizabeth Kloss *(sixth row)* Priscilla Rivera, Amber Kimbrough, Anna Stooksbury, Cassidy Schwartz, Emma Witt, Rebecca Karnezis, Kaitlyn Bohling, Elaine Zmuda, Emily McNicholas *(seventh row)* Cierra Campbell, Emily Hammermeister, Tony Dallecarbonare, Ellie Dorn, Ayesha Khan, Casey Boelt, Olivera Tordorovic, Natalia Bilek, Ally Milne, Brittany Lee, *(back row)* Coach Tom Barnes, Coach Kyleen Nolan, Carly Kennedy, Brittany Barajas, Kathleen Gonzales, Shannon Mahoney, Oluwagbemisola Ibikunle, Dorian Elzy, Coach Rick Sluder

PASSING LIMITS

With hard work and dedication, the Girls' Track Team won Sectionals for the first time in history

As the girls finished up their last warm up lap, they huddled around to begin their stretching routine as a team.

Prior to breaking off into separate groups, the team captains left the girls with a few encouraging words to motivate and remind them what goal they were aiming towards: State qualifiers.

However, the team ended up placing seventh at Regionals. Despite not advancing as a team, Alex Meier, senior, who competed in the 100 meter hurdles as well as the 300 meters, went individually.

"When I won a race, I felt good but I knew there were always more races," Meier said. "I had to run, so I couldn't enjoy it too much or let it get to my head."

The key to the success of the Girls' Track season was based on team work and communication, according to Kim Szymkowski, sophomore.

Invites throughout the season provided extra challenge for the girls as they ran against tough competition, not only from their conference, but also against runners from the Northwest area, according to captain Allison Boyle, senior.

Girls who participated brought back experience and shared it with teammates.

"Invites were really great opportunities for our team to get better and to strive to reach individual goals," Emily McNicholas, sophomore, said. "Invites provided a chance to compete against tough, state-level competition and to see if we could hang with the big dogs."

In addition, field events provided strength to the team, according to Amber Kimbrough, sophomore.

"Throwers made a pretty large indent," Kimbrough said. "If there was a meet and the score was pretty close, the score we tallied up could lead to winning or losing a meet."

The team remained strong despite setbacks, according to captain Hayley Morris, senior.

"As Munster Track, our goal was to prove that even though we lost people, we were still the same strong Munster Track Team that we always had been," Morris said. "Not only were we great athletes, we also represented ourselves as a respectable team."

Keeping their undefeated Conference streak, the girls captured the win at the Conference meet.

After weeks of practicing, the girls' hard work paid off when the team won Sectionals for the first time in the program's history.

"Conference was full of challenges, and you had to compete your best, but Sectionals was a whole different ball game; it was the point of no return," Szymkowski said.

STICK IT Soaring through the air, Gabby Dallecarbonare, senior, jumps forward to stick the landing. "Long jump was very meticulous. It wasn't much about speed as it was technique because inches mattered," Dallecarbonare said. "Practice was key when trying to improve your jumps. Countless drills and exercises made your muscles remember the event."

AROUND THE BEND As she brings her legs over the bar, Elizabeth Kloos, sophomore, hopes she can complete her event by clearing the heights. "I had to be confident and know that I could do it," Kloos said. "The other jumpers always told me to forget everything we've worked on at practice during a meet and just jump, because if I did the basics, everything would come together."

PASS IT ON With her eyes focused on the finish line, captain Allison Boyle, senior, runs down the straight away to complete the relay race. "I was in the 4x800 and 4x400 relays. The 4x800 was more strategic in that you had to manage your energy smartly so that the last 100 meters wasn't brutal on your legs," Boyle said.

FAR FAIRWAY With his head down, Nikola Tatic, senior, keeps focused on the ball. Keeping an eye on the ball was key to a good swing, according to Tatic.

BOY'S GOLF *(front row)* Roshan Tilva, AJ Gauthier, Grant Doctor, Matt Specht, Nikola Tatic *(back row)* Coach Jacob Argenta, Ronak Tilva, Adam Wories, Kyle Wilkinson, Michael Goodman, Coach Bill Smitka

Varsity Boy's Golf
12-2

NCC 6-0

Morton 165-235
Valparaiso 174-159
Lake Central 1S5-165
Highland 155-186
Highland 159-209
Chesterton 174-172
Griffith 166-184
Legends of Indiana
Portage 1S2-169
Andrean 186-187
Andrean 160-169
Kankakee Valley156-170
Rensselear Invite 3rd
Hobart 147-188
Hanover 1S9-186
Lowell 162-203
Lake Central Invite 4th

Post Season
Conference 2nd
Sectionals 2nd
Regionals 7th

JV Boy's Golf
3-1

Valparaiso 191-193
Lake Central 172-165
Highland 172-223
Kankakee Valley 171-3 man

IN FOCUS Club in hand, Alex Gariup, senior, focuses as he hits the ball. "I primarily tried to focus on the ball itself," Gariup said. "I also focused on the target ahead of me while keeping my eye on the ball the whole time."

RIGHTFIT

Golfers selected clubs based on which would be best for their distance from the hole

WEDGE
for short distances

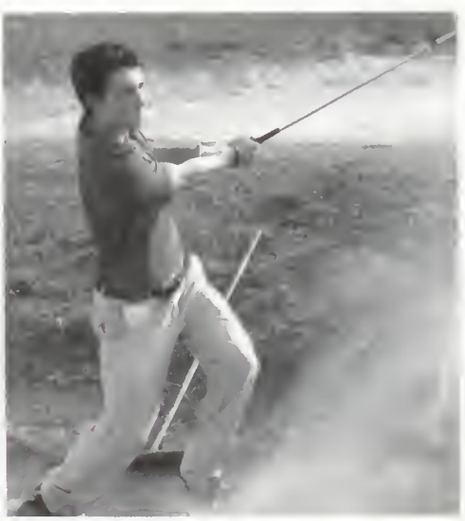
IRON
for when in the fairway or rough

WOODS AND HYRBIDS
for long distance approach shots

DRIVER
for long distance tee shot

source: Ronak Tilva, junior

IN THE BAG Placing it back in his bag, Matt Specht, sophomore, exchanges his club for a different one. Golfers had a variety of clubs to choose from, each suited for a different situation.



BUNKER BLAST After just hitting the ball out of a bunker, AJ Gauthier, junior, watches as it flies through the air. "I looked to hit it close every time," Gauthier said. "I also gave myself a good look at par."

BREAK GROUND

Despite having a young team, Varsity Boy's Golf sets a new Conference scoring record

With only three returning varsity members, the last two spots on the Varsity Boy's Golf team were up for grabs.

"Besides the returning varsity guys, the team was basically dead-even on talent," Matt Specht, sophmore, said.

Going into the season, the ultimate goal was to qualify for State as a team, according to captain AJ Gauthier, junior.

To achieve this goal, the team worked on various things throughout the season, both as individuals and as a team.

Practices were relaxed and laid-back. The team had fun, but knew when to get serious for upcoming matches, according to Ronak Tilva, junior.

"At practices, Coach stressed short games skills," Tilva said. "So, we dedicated certain days to just practicing chipping and putting."

Along with this, the team also worked on having a positive mentality. Maintaining a good mental attitude was imperative to a solid match, according to Specht.

"As a team, we worked on not getting too down on ourselves," Specht said. "We had to stay mentally tough to have a chance at playing well."

Although golf was mainly an individual sport, teamwork also contributed to the team's success, according to captain Nikola Tatic, senior.

"We made sure to keep each other in positive moods and not let each other get down after a bad shot or after a bad hole," Tatic said.

The team was close and spent time together the night before matches, according to Specht.

"We just kind of chilled and ate dinner," Specht said. "We tried not to overthink the round the next day. Our favorite spot was Munster Gyros."

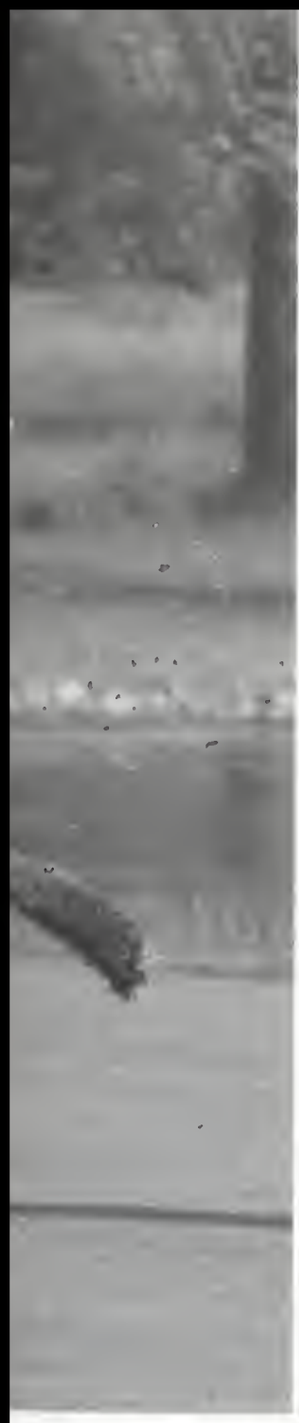
Working on team bonding, as well the physical and mental game, helped the team succeed in matches. Highlighted wins included matches against Andrean and Hobart.

The team won against Andrean twice 186-187 and 160-169. They won against Hobart 147-188, breaking a Conference record.

"It was a great accomplishment for the guys to set a conference scoring record against Hobart," Coach Bill Smitka, history teacher, said.

Going into the post season, the team boasted an undefeated conference record and a 12-2 record overall. The completed the season placing second at Sectionals and seventh at Regionals.

"The season was a huge success," Coach Smitka said. "We continued to get better every day and competed with the goal of continuing to improve."



FULL SWING Eyes locked on the ball, Luke Wuchenich, sophomore, watches as it leaves his pitching wedge. A pitching wedge was used when trying to get the ball to the green over a certain distance.

GET HIM TO THE GREEN After hitting the ball, Grant Doctor, senior, watches his target spot on the green. "For short pitch shots, I always visualized where the ball was going to land and tried to hit that spot exactly," Doctor said. "It was an easy way to control distance. "

LAUGH ATTACK Having a laugh, Matt Specht, sophmore; Ronak Tilva, junior; Nikola Tatic, senior; and Coach Smitka, history teacher, enjoy their time at practice. "Practices were very relaxed and laid back," Ronak Tilva, junior, said. "They were fun, but sometimes serious if there was a big upcoming match."

COME TOGETHER

With close ties and long standing friendships, Varsity Softball uses teamwork to find success during regular season and Sectionals

Entering the final round of Sectionals with enthusiasm, the Varsity Softball Team hoped to conquer Lake Central (LC) whom they had beaten earlier in the season.

However, earning most of its runs in the first inning, LC came out with an 11-0 win.

"It kind of brought us down, but we still tried to fight back," Colleen Jones, senior, said.

Keeping their attitudes in the right place had helped lead the team to victory before, and they hoped it would do the same against long time rival LC, according to Emma Hodges, junior.

With a 0-5 defeat, LC served as their hardest game of the season according to Sarah Simchak, senior.

"Every game we were trying our best to work as a team," Simchak said.

Heading into the game, the team knew LC had strength in hitting. Finishing the season with a 13-20 record, the team remains proud of their teamwork, according to pitcher Carly Murphy, junior.

"We were a team that thrived off of each other's energy," Murphy said.

Murphy played a key role by making rival hits more difficult to come by, according to Coach Beth Thornburg, math teacher.

"She gave us another weapon and gave us a little more confidence," Coach Thornburg, said.

However, the team still battled challenges, according to Murphy.

"This regular season we struggled even though we were one of the most talented teams in school history," Murphy said. "We had to adjust to being moved around and playing different positions"

Over the course of the season, the team faced challenges including games at the Twin Lake Invite where the team did not play up to their full potential, according to Hodges.

"Even if we didn't win I knew we gave them a good game," Murphy said.

The team constantly encouraged one another to stay motivated during games, according to Briana Zunica, junior.

BETTER TOGETHER Celebrating after an inning, Kari Dillner, senior, and Briana Zunica, junior join hands. "Kari and I had been playing together since we were nine," Zunica said. "We had so much fun being together on and off the field."

CATCHING ON As the ball settles into her glove, Sarah Simchak, senior, grasps it during the final round of Sectionals against Lake Central. Despite losing, the team stayed positive, according to Simchack. "The whole team worked together," Simchak said, "and no one was negative."

READY TO GO Winding up her arm, Carly Murphy, junior, prepares to pitch the ball. Pitching served as a position with added pressure, according to Murphy. "I think knowing that so much of the game relied on you put a lot of pressure on you," Murphy said.

QUICK SPRINT After hitting, Sadie Conner, sophomore, sprints to first base. "When I ran bases, I always looked at my coach to know where to go," Conner said. "She would let me know if I should stay at first for keep going to second or third bad."

Varsity Softball *(front row)* Anna Kaniewski, Sarah Simchak, Lorrie Mamich, Payton Preboy, Carly Murphy *(second row)* Emma Hodges, Gina Rice, Sadie Conner, Briana Zunica, Alyssa Nunez, Tegan Murphy, Kaitlynn Gloff *(back row)* Coach Tom DeGuilio, Colleen Jones, Taylor Michalski, Kari Dillner, Taylor Kotzo, Coach Beth Thornburg

WARPAINT

Players stayed pumped for games by dressing up

BLACK OUT While sporting all black attire and face paint, Payton Preboy, sophomore, stays excited for the Sectional championship game against Lake Central. The players participated in various bonding activities such as lock-ins, team parties and black-out days."When we bonded and hung out together, we played better as a team," Preboy said.

JV Softball *(front row)* Jessica Avina, Liz Della Rocco, Lauren Maynard, Anna Bachert, Emma Slosser *(second row)* Jill Osterhus, Kaitlynn Gloff, Tegan Murphy, Hailey Estes, Taylor Katalinic, Megan Hernandez *(back row)* Catherine Lebryk, Emily Kaniewski, Olivia Laoang, Jordan Anderson

Freshman Softball *(front row)* Lauren Maynard, Tegan Murphy, Kaitlynn Gloff, Anna Bachert *(second row)* Elizabeth Della Rocco, Julissa Quintanilla, Kelly Mundy, Emma Slosser, Megan Hernandez *(back row)* Marisa Trull, Jordan Anderson, Olivia Laoang, Sarah Smolinski, Miranda Mihalic, Coach Jennifer Wisser

Varsity Softball
15-11

NCC 7-5
Homewood Flossmoore 1-10
Lake Central 8-7
Hanover Central 5-1
Andrean 0-7
Crown Point 4-15
Bishop Noll 11-0
Kankakee Valley 4-5
Lowell 7-6
Griffith 11-5
Wheeler 13-1
Hobart 3-2
Highland 6-2
McCutcheon 7-3
FW Carroll 9-1
South Bend Riley 2-3
Andrean 1–8
Illiana Christian 4-1
Kankakee Valley 0-4
Lowell 11-1
Griffith 13-2
Pioneer 5-10
Lewis Cass 5-2
Lafayette Jefferson 0-2
Hobart 2-3
Valparaiso 4-1

Post Season
Sectionals
Gary West Side 12-0
Morton 11-0
Lake Central 0-5

JV Softball
10-3

NCC 7-1
Homewood Flossmoore 10-5
Lake Central 0-1
Hanover Central 16-3
Andrean 13-3
Crown Point 1-17
Kankakee Valley 5-2
Lowell 11-10
Griffith 7-1
Hobart 19-5
Highland 7-1
Andrean 12-2
Kankakee Valley 1-4
Griffith 4-0

Freshman Softball
2-1

Gary West Side 10-0
Lowell 7-8
N. Newton 12-2

FAST BALL Mid-throw, Scott Crilly, senior, pitches a ball during a game against Lowell. "Mainly I tried to focus on throwing strikes. Keeping your team in the game by not allowing walks was key while pitching," Crilly said. "If you made the other team beat you rather than giving them free base-runners, it could go a long way." The team won 7-5.

NET GAIN In the middle of practice, Mike Mueller, junior, takes a swing. Staying focused while at bat proved to be an important part of making the swing successful. "I tried to focus on knowing the situation to hopefully have a productive swing at and simply seeing the ball and hitting it," Mueller said.

Varsity Baseball
15-13
NCC 6-6

Clark 12-2
Mt. Vernon 16-6
TH South 1-12
New Haven 3-2
Merrillville 8-7
Lake Central 0-1
Crown Point 2-3
Valparaiso 8-11
Bishop Noll 5-6
Hobart 11-1
Lowell 7-5
Boone Grove 7-4
Griffith 2-4
Kankakee Valley 13-3
Portage 5-6
Andrean 0-12
Highland 11-1
Hobart 2-4
Lowell 14-7
Griffith 4-5
Kankaee Valley 4-S
Andrean 0-1
Hanover Central 5-3
Highland 4-5
Bellmont 4-5
FW Concordia 10-2
Whiting 12-3
Chesterton 13-3

Post Season
Sectionals
Lake Central 0-7

JV Baseball
20-2
NCC 13-0

Lake Central 6-5/8inn
Crown Point 10-2
Portage 5-6
Bishop Noll 17-3
Hobart 9-2
Griffith 12-2
Lowell 13-0
Valparaiso 2-1
Valparaiso 9-2
Kankakee Valley 4-1
Andrean 4-1
Highland 13-2
Merrillville 8-3
Hobart 3-0
Lowell 10-0
Griffith 13-4
KV 23-10
Andrean 4-10
Highland 7-4
Boone Grove 13-3
Highland 6-4
Lowell 13-3

Freshman Baseball
10-7
NCC 2-2

Lake Central 7-11
Chesterton 11-2
Valparaiso 6-2
Valparaiso 9-4
Highland 3-7
Crown Point 1-9
Crown Point 16-6
Clark JV 5-1
Highland 2-6
Portage DH 16-9
Portage 11-2
Hobart 13-4
Andrean 5-3
Bishop Noll 4-9
Chesterton 8-3
Lincoln-Way East 6-14
Lake Central 4-15

Varsity Baseball Team *(front row)* Alex Del Rio, Scott Jerge, Anthony Gomez, Chris Slivka, Mike Mueller, Ethan Flahaven, Alex Crowe *(second row)* Colin Mudroncik, Christian Catania, Alex Skalka, Allan Korem, Trace McCarthy, Andrew Zachau, Evan Sylvester, Kevin O'Brien *(back row)* Coach Jeff Rosen, Scott Crilly, Tyler Cole, Mark Strbjak, Mike Poulos, Craig Dedelow, Coach Bob Shinkan

Freshman Baseball Team *(front row)* Tyler Stapleton, Michael Szumalas, Jimmy Delis, Nick Fromm, Sean Pruzin, Garrett Zuck *(second row)* Richard Parra, Grant Rademacher, Mike Ribich, Jake Collins, Brandon Johnson *(back row)* John Hulsey, Joey Bryan, Matt Childs, Patrick Burke, Brett Miller, Coach Mike Mikolajczyk

JV Baseball Team *(front row)* Johnny Pitsas, Brandon Mitchell, Nick Marlow, Scott Shaner, Mat Enger, Ryan Yates *(second row)* David Osbourne, Chase Lorenz, Alo Morado, Brandon Tepper, Alex Coccia *(back row)* Sam Bell, Jesse Bruzan, Sean McCarthy, Jonathan Azar, David Hiladek, Coach Matt Backs

QUICKPITCH

Pitchers use various styles of throwing in a game in order to strike out their opponent

Four-seam fastball - The most important pitch with the fastest speed.

Curveball - Most often a strikeout pitch that dives down as it gets to home plate.

Slider - In between a fastball and a curveball. It's harder than a curveball but with less downward action.

Knuckleball - A pitch that has very little or no spin. It's very difficult to control and catch. The pitch is also hard to hit and to throw.

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THROW A CURVE

Varsity Baseball sticks together as a team and makes it to Sectionals

As the game finally begins, the Varsity Baseball Team runs out on the field together and gets ready to face the last game of the regular season against Chesterton.

At this point in the year, the team has been through numerous games together, celebrating wins and suffering losses. The team grew immensely over the course of the year, according to Coach Bob Shinkan, math teacher.

"I was very happy with the chemistry of the team and the improvements everyone made throughout the season," Coach Shinkan said.

Out of the many that the team played, certain games stood out as opportunities for the team to become more close-knit and function as one complete unit.

"I always liked the Terra Haute trip at the beginning of the season because it was a good bonding experience," Coach Shinkan said.

Meanwhile at the Chesterton game, innings passed and the game came to a close. As it finally rounded out, excitement filled the air. Despite being on Chesterton's home turf, the team beat Chesteron with the final score being 13-3. The win against Chesterton proved a highlight for the players, according to Mike Mueller, junior.

"Chesterton was a top team in the area," Mueller said."Winning the last game of the regular season was a good way to finish the year."

However, baseball had more to offer players than simply competition and wins. The players formed unbreakable bonds, according to captain Scott Jerge, senior.

"The whole team was very close and I felt that we were like a family," Mueller said. "I had great times with the team and lots of great memories."

The fundamental reason that the team came together was their passion for the game, according to Coach Shinkan.

"I loved the game and the program," Coach Shinkan said. "To be able to coach a group that felt the same way was very fulfilling."

Through best and worst times over the course of the season, the baseball team remained as a family unit that worked to support each other no matter the circumstance.

TEACH ME HOW TO DUGOUT On the sidelines, Alex Del Rio, sophomore, sits with Tyler Cole, senior, and Trace McCarthy, junior. The team formed a bond through long practices and games. "The bond between our team was like no other," Del Rio said. "We weren't just teammates we were a family. We all knew everything about each other and always strived to help each other in anything we needed."

BASE RUNNER Mark Strbjak, senior, runs toward the next base. Playing during games required Strbjak to block out self-doubt and keep trying. "Baseball was a sport that challenged mental toughness," Strbjak said. "I usually tried to not get down on myself and kept a positive attitude to keep my focus."

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT Crouching low to the ground, Trace McCarthy, junior, prepares to catch a ball during practice. "Our team kept practices fun each and every day by usually cracking jokes about each other, because we were all really close to each other," McCarthy said.

TAKING BACK

With longer conditioning, the Girls' Tennis Team redeems its previous loss to Highland and wins Sectionals and Regionals

The crowd silences and surrounds juniors Erica Tritsch and Mariana Rogers as they battle Carmel's number two doubles team at Semistate. After the longest match of the day, the doubles partners went home with the victory.

"That match displayed everything we had worked hard for and what kind of players we aspired to be," Tritsch said.

They started off the season by conditioning and practicing for four to five weeks before their first match.

"The difference about this year and last year was the conditioning we did," Paige Heuer, junior, said. "Last year, we only did conditioning a week before the season, and this year we did it four or five weeks prior to the season."

During the weeks of conditioning, the players worked on game situations and forehands, backhands and volleys until they were perfected, according to Heuer.

After its first match, the team prepared to play its rival- Highland. Since they lost to Highland in Regionals the previous year, the game served as a chance for redemption, according to Heuer.

"That was the match that we were waiting for," Heuer said. "After last year, we have wanted to win more and more."

With wins from number two singles player Nikki Heiniger, freshman, and number three singles player captain Christiann Tavitas, senior, keeping the team tied at 2-2, the game depended on number two doubles Rogers and Sam Sakevicius, senior.

Once the Highland match was won, the girls continued to build up their "mental toughness," according to Heuer, in order to prepare for their rematch with Highland at Sectionals.

"We had a 35 year winning streak," Coach Bill Heuer, said. "We didn't wanted to be on the losing side of it this year, not only to beat Highland but also to continue that winning streak."

The team won its 36th consecutive Sectional title with wins against Hammond (5-0), Highland (4-1) and Griffith (5-0). These wins allowed the team to move on to Regionals, where they won for the first time in two years.

"Being undefeated at Regionals felt great," Tavitas said. "I had been waiting to win Regionals since my freshman year. I 'll always remember it."

MOVE AND JUMP Jumping to hit the ball, Mariana Rogers, junior, concentrates on the game. "I only thought about getting the ball over and winning the point," Rogers said. "I kept my feet moving and kept myself hydrated."

EYES ON THE BALL Hands up, Danielle Koultourides, senior, hits the ball during tryouts. "It was my fourth year going through the process, so I knew what to expect," Koultourides said. "Tryouts were either the time to intimidate people, or be intimidated."

WISE WORDS During a break, Sam Sakevicius, senior, listens while Coach Bill Heuer gives her advice. "If he noticed a reason why we were struggling, he'd call us over and give us tips and little boosts of confidence," Sakevicius said.

REACH OUT Racket ready to hit the ball, Erica Tritsch, junior, mentally prepared herself to hit the ball. "In order to prepare, we tried a lot of different doubles combinations, and we got used to hitting lobs," Tritsch said.

BALANCING ACT Picking up the ball with her racket and foot, Christiann Tavitas, senior, warms up before the Sectional match against Hammond. "I was nervous because my forehands weren't very good that day," Tavitas said. The team won 5-0.

HIT IT OFF Eyes on the ball, Nikki Heiniger, freshman, prepares to hit the ball during tryouts. "I was pretty nervous because challenge matches were really important," Heiniger said. "I had to play my best since every match counted and would decide where I would fit in the line up."

Girls' Tennis Team *(front row)* Erica Tritsch, Kasey Kulesa, Paige Heuer, Christiann Tavitas, Mariana Rogers, Nikki Heiniger, Danielle Koultourides, Melissa Tepperman, Sam Sakevicius, Jessica Rooth *(second row)* Dana Handler, Heather Hemingway, Agnes Svensson, Danica Obradovic, Jessica Layous, Paulina Kawalec, Maggie Cole, Alexis Monthie *(back row)* Coach Bill Heuer, Anastasia Mileusnic, Sydney Puckett, Maddy Purcell, Shriya Das, Coach Dave Cafmeyer

Varsity Girls' Tennis
19-1
NCC 6-0
Crown Point 5-0
Lowell 5-0
Kankakee Valley 4-1
Highland 3-2
Carmel Invite 4th
Lake Central 5-0
Hobart 4-1
West Lafayette 5-0
Andrean 5-0
Griffith 5-0
Culver Academy 3-2
Penn 0-S
Fairfield 5-0
Chesterton 3-2
St. Joe 4-1
Valparaiso 3-2
Plymouth 5-0

Post Season

Sectionals
Hammond High 5-0
Highland 4-1
Griffith 5-0

Regionals
Crown Point 5-0
Whiting 5-0

Semistate
Carmel 1-4

RISEUP

Awards won at the Spring Sports Banquet

Pride, Hustle and Desire Award- Christiann Tavitas, senior

Mustang Award- Paige Heuer, junior

Most Improved Players- Sam Sakevicius, senior; Kasey Kulesa, sophomore

Most Valuable Player- Jessica Rooth, sophomore

GAME ON Warming up for a match before Sectionals, Jessica Rooth, sophomore, prepares to play. The team won and took Regionals for the first time in two years. "It was my first time at Regionals," Rooth said, "and my first time going to Semistate and that was an exciting feeling."

UPPER HAND

With a new set of leaders, Boys Track takes another Sectional Championship and a season full of new records

A brand new coach wasn't enough to hold the Boys Track team back. The boys proved their strength and improvement at Sectionals, according to Coach John Stamper.

"This program had the same coach for 20 years, and then they got me and they still showed amazing progress as a team," Coach Stamper said. "That was a true mark of what a great group of kids they were."

The team lost its first meet, but came back with a nearly perfect season and a record of 5-2. Each of the events had strong runners, according to Zak Kulam, senior.

"I was the number two in the 800," Kulam said. "It was one of the most difficult events during the meet because it was so much longer than the sprints, but it was too short for distance, so you just had to go really fast for a really long distance."

At Sectionals, the boys placed in the top eight in 13 of the 16 events. The team took places in five of those events: pole vault, the 800 meter run, discus, the 1600 meter run, and the 3200 meter run, accounting for 72 of the team's points.

The team's Sectional champs were Tony Rigoni, senior, in the 800 meter run, breaking a conference record with 1:57:93; the team of Adams, Barnett, Rigoni, and Grabowski in the 1600 relay; Miles Gunty, junior, in the pole vault; and Lukas Nossem, senior, in shot put. Tommy Bolanowski,sophomore, finished second in the 1600 meter run. Bart Grabowski, senior, finished third in the 400 meter run. They finished Sectionals with 113 total points.

"Everybody stepped up. We had a really solid outing," Rigoni said. "Our number two runner in the 800 (Kulam) couldn't compete that day, and Roger Jachna (sophomore), who found out right before the meet that he'd be running, ended up coming in fourth. We had a ton of pride. It was a great bunch of kids, and everybody wanted to get better."

Each runner who placed in the top four in each event advanced to Regionals.

At Regionals, Bolanowski placed 3rd in the 1600, and Rigoni placed second in the 800, qualifying for State.

"Running at State was great because I got to represent my school, but there was a lot of tough competition there," Rigoni said. "They were all the best runners in the State, and I definitely had to bring my game." Rigoni placed 8th at State.

HOLDING BREATH Cheeks puffed out, Ryan Barnett, junior, prepares to land in the long jump. "I would always just hold my breath like that because it helped me not use up my energy as fast," Barnett said.

Varsity Boys' Track 5-2

NCC 5-1
Portage 44-88
Crown Point 1st
Andrean 72-59
Kankakee Valley 75.5-56.6
Griffith 95-36
Lowell 70-52
Highland 82-50
Mustang Invite 1st
Calumet Invite 2nd
Hobart 41-91

Post Season
NCC Conference 2nd
Sectional 1st
Regional 12th
State Finals Tony Rigoni 8th

CLEARED Making his way over the hurdle, Miles Gunty, junior, continues the race at the Mustang Invite. "The biggest problem was getting over the fear of falling," Gunty said.

Boys' Track *(front row)* Arthur Carey, Drake Bowers, Ernest Carter, Tyler Adams, Bart Grabowski, Simon Abu-aita, Tony Rigoni, Zak Kulam, John Beckman, Ryan Barnett, Elliott Bochnowski, Mario Hernandez, Marty O'Shaughnessy, Clayton St. Martin *(second row)* Brian Banach, Ryan Kritzer, Jimmy Murphy, Jared Hill, Dominic Lucito, Travis Frank, Miles Gunty, Peter Karnezis, Alex Collison, Tommy Bolanowski, Nick Bleza, Xavier Hofferth, Jared Benson, Jonathan Flores *(third row)* Demetrio Ornelas, Manny Lopez, Juan Nunez, Gage Knor, Kyle Hansen, Saam Mojtahed, Calvin Sanders, Jacob Flynn, Jonathan Pasyk, Milos Trivunovic, Eashan Kumar, Stevan Trivunovic, David Carbajal, Nikola Lukic *(fourth row)* Coach Mary Kate Conway, Dillon Pierie, Jeff Wieser, Attila Zsigmond, Jung Kim, Roger Jachna, Russell Doctor, LaRence Crowder, Bryce Barnett, Ryan Brickman, Steven Burgwald, Armando Vazquez, Casey Terry, William Greenlaw *(back row)* Hannah Dempsey, Gigi Urbaniak, Shawn Gish, Lawrence Gaines, Alex Reinsma, Lukas Nossem, Tony Cress, Tom Kim, Brandon Hoekstra, Steve Farrell, Coach Morgan Nolan, Coach John Stamper

JUMP START With a running start, Jonathan Pasyk, junior, prepares himself for the high jump. "The key to high jump was to not chicken out," Pasyk said. "If you thought you were going to fall, then you probably would, so you had to just go."

A LEG UP Determined to finish first, Simon Abu-Aita, senior, makes his way over the hurdle. "I was a really competitive person, so I always got really aggressive when I ran," Abu-Aita said. "For hurdling, you always had to have a lot of energy, so that was the perfect thing for me."

RELAY READY Baton in hand, Zak Kulam, senior, runs the 4 x 8 relay. "Running the relay taught me to rely on others," Kulam said. "You had to really have faith in your teammates, but you couldn't let them down either."

POOLPARTY

The boys spend a practice in the pool to simulate their events on the track

HOLDING ONTO A BAT, Miles Gunty, junior, practices his pole vaulting skills. "The main reason for the pool was that it was easier to practice it in the pool," Gunty said. **ARMS ON THE POOL'S EDGE,** seniors Tom Kim and Alex Reinsma kick their feet as fast as they can during pool practice. "The pool workout was really different, but it was fun to change it up a little," Kim said. "The kicking exercise just made our legs stronger,

LORINLEVITAN

We love you Lorin!

Good luck at IU, we will miss you so much!

Mom, Dad, Marc and Dana

BRETTSZAFASZ senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Always dare to try new things and

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Love,
Mom and Dad
Kristen and Katie

ANDREWJOHNSON senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Andrew,
We are so proud of you and your accomplishments- perfect attendance 4 years, graduation and the rank of an Eagle Scout. Good luck, live by the Scout Oath and Law, and enjoy great things at Ball State.
Love, Dad, Mom and Ana

ANDREWZACHAU senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute**

Andrew, from baby baseball pinstripes to suits, you have grown up to be a fine young man! Congratulations on all your MHS achievements! Best wishes for much success at University of Alabama and beyond. Always follow your heart and reach for your dreams. Remember you can achieve anything you set out to do and always Roll Tide!!

We love you, Mom and Bill

ERICGALANTE senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute**

Eric,
"May you live as long as you want.. and never want as long as you live."
Wishing you a beautiful future!
We love you a ton!!!

Mom and Dad

MORGANSTAHL senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Dear Morgan,
We are so proud of the young woman you have become.
We know you will do great things at Ball State.
We love you,
Mom, Dad and Alison

MARCOHERNANDEZ

Marco, it has been a pleasure and a blessing watching you grow into the man you have become. We love you very much!!! God Bless you always, best of luck at IU and remember...
"All dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."
Mom, Dad and Karyn

CONNORFLEMING

You have come so far and accomplished so much since we moved to Indiana. I am so proud of you and your excellent grades the past few years. Achieve your dreams!

Love, mom

BRITTANYGORALCZYK

Don't be reasonable in your desires; be **BOLD** and full of *dreams*.
For now another chapter of life begins, as you graduate into adulthood. We are so very proud of you!
All Our Love and Best Wishes, Mom Dad, Brandon and Bradley

SCOTTJERGE senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute**

Scott,
We want you to know how very proud we are of you and all that you have accomplished at Munster High School. Your hard work, determination and great attitude have brought you so much success. You are a wonderful son and brother. We know that you will continue to set your sights high in college. You have a great future ahead of you and we wish you all the best in what life has to offer you. Good luck at Valparaiso University.

With much love, Mom, Dad, Mike, Katherine and Eric

NIKOLATATIC senior salute

We are so proud of the wonderful young man you have become! You made parenting easy with your intelligence, wit and incredible disposition. Continue to work hard and with your confidence and you are sure to succeed in all phases of the wonderful future that awaits you. We love you very much!

Mom, Baba, Ujko and Ujna

MEGANWELCH

Congratulations on all your accomplishments. We are so proud of you. We know you will do great at IUPUI! We love you so much!
Dad, Mom, Allison

JOSEPHNEVEITT

Congratulations to our precious son. There will be plenty of winding roads, but we know you will survive them. Stay strong. We are so proud of you, we love you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

ALEXINGOGLIA

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Keep setting those goals high because your focus and determination will lead to continued success! We love you.

Mom Dad, Niko, Jake and Gabie

BENBECHER senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Ben,
Congratulations on your graduation.
Best of luck at the next level.
We love you.
Dad, Mom, Bud and Em

EMILYMILOJKOVITCH senior salute **senior salute**

We are so proud of you, Emily!
This is the beginning of a wonderful future for you filled with so many possibilities. Do what's best for you first, and trust that other things will fall into place!
May God always be with you.

We love you, Em!
Mom, Dad, and Amanda

CYNTHIARUMAS senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Congratulations, Cindy, on your graduation. Your high school years went by so quickly. We are proud of you. Have a great time at Purdue University!

Your loving family

KIMMIEMONTELLA

Kimmie,
Wow! Where did the past four years go? Looking forward to the next three and a half at The Illinois Institute for Art.

All our love-
Mom, Dad, Jessica, Nicole, Mark & Anthony

KYLEDEJA

senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute**

Congrats!
We are very proud of you. We believed in you, but most of all, you believed in yourself. May you have great success in your life.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Jamie

JOEPIERSON

senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Congratulations Joe, we are very proud of you. We wish you the best of luck and much success at Ball State.

Love,
Paul, Mom & Max

NICHOLASBRAJAK

Congrats HERC! We can't wait to see what you accomplish at Michigan Tech.

We love you, the Fam.

MHS–That's a wrap

STEPHANIEPALLAY

Congratulations, Stephanie, on ALL your accomplishments at MHS. We love you and know you will have continued success as a "LadyBlue" for Illinois College.

Love 21ever,

Mom, Dad, DJ & Sydney

HALEYBOLANOWSKI

Congratulations, Haley. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Carli, and Tommy

JAKE MORAN senior salute

Congratulations, my son! You will succeed in whatever you choose to do in life. You're the greatest!

We love you
Mom, Dad, Paul & family

ROBERT VOGEL

Congratulations! You made us proud for 18 years and we know that won't stop. The best is yet to come.

Keep smiling and remember we love you now and always.

Mom, Dad, and Amy

CARA JOY LEENEY senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

You've brought joy to our lives. Now it's time to find your joy. Good luck at East Carolina!

Love,
Your family

ANNA SHEHIGIAN senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Dear Banana,

You were born to be somebody. Be proud of what makes you stand out from the crowd. We are!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Ruben

TONYRIGONI senior salute

From your first day in kindergarten to your last days as a senior, we have been and always will be so very proud of you and everything you've achieved. Here's to a great future at college and beyond.

Lots of love, hugs and kisses
Mom & Dad

"To give less than your best is to sacrifice the gift"
-Steve Prefontaine

MELISSASTONE senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

As your journey begins...Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. All our love now and always Mom, Dad & Megan

CHELSEYWALLACE senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Dear Chelsey,

We hope you are as proud of your many achievements as we are. We are so impressed at how much you challenged yourself both in and out of school. Try to remember all the fun you had in high school as you begin this new chapter in your life.

Watch out Purdue- Here comes Chelsey!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Casey

Congratulations Class of 2012!!

KAYLAKEITH senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Congratulations on your graduation!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kristina, and James

PAULCRISTO senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Paul,
Congratulations! We couldn't be prouder of you. Success will be yours no matter what you desire. Remember we'll be there to cheer you on with awe and admiration.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Brother John

TAYLORBROWN senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Ladybug,
You've come a long way baby! We are all so proud of you and know that you have so much more to accomplish.

CONGRATULATIONS TAYLOR!!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Lazarick & Sash-Monkey

ELLENWYNN senior salute

Words cannot express how proud we are of the person you have become and how much you have accomplished. Your future holds the promise of what you want to achieve and the success you so deserve!

We love you so much, our sweet Elle Belle...

Mom and Dad

STACYAVERGINOS senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Dear Stacy,
Words cannot describe how proud we are of your accomplishments! As you enter college in the fall, remember that, "Every great dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." The stars are at your fingertips!

Love, Mom & Christina

KAYLIESTARKEY senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute**

Dear Kaylie,

The beauty of a woman is seen in her 'eyes,' for it is the doorway to her heart and the place where love resides. We love that you've always stayed true to yourself. This will carry through to loving what's real to love. Love with all of your heart. Be forever grateful for what's seemingly small. This will bring that 'eye' you have for life to paper & color & words. We see you for you and love every part of....you, our little starlight. Have an amazing journey @ IUB.

Love Always & Forever,
Mom & Dad

PETERKARNEZIS senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

We are so very proud of you and the "Super man" you have grown up to become. We wish you all the very best as you start this next chapter in your life!! You can do anything you put your mind to!! Good luck at Indiana State! We love you!

Mom, Dad and Yiorgo

NICHOLASKIESLING

Congratulations, Nicholas! Your made it–the future is yours. We are very proud of you!

Love,
Abby, David and Mom

DAVIDSTRAKA

We are so proud of all your accomplishments! Always follow your dreams and never stop. We love you!

Dad, Mom and Daniel

XOCHITLCHAPA senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Congratulation XOCHITL!

I'm so proud of all you've accomplished at MHS and completing cosmetology program. My cute little flower has grown from 4 lb. 4 oz. to a beautiful young lady.

Love,
Mom

NATALIEVICK senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

You were born with fire in your eyes, and now you're ready to light the world on fire. We can't wait to see what you do with your talent, our charismatic, loving, brilliant daughter and sister (our Baby Dudette)! We are your haven when you need rest, your audience for all the wonderful stories you surely shall tell. We love you!!!

-Mom, Dad, Calvin- and the rest of your crazy family

ERINMCHALE senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute**

Erin,

You have filled our lives with joy! We feel so privileged to be your parents.

Good luck at Purdue- Boiler Up!

"May God grant you always a sunbeam to warm you,
a moonbeam to charm you,
a sheltering angel
so nothing can harm you..."
An Irish Prayer

Love,
Mom & Dad

MORGANBOYD senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute**

Morgan,

Wherever you go, go with all your heart and you will be successful in all that you do.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Kyle, & Isabel

COLINMUDRONCIK

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." Henry David Thoreau

Congratulations Colin! We love you and look forward to seeing you realize your dreams.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Evan and Emily

ELLENSCOLERI senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

"Music has been my playmate, my lover, and my crying towel. It gets me off like nothing else."
Buffy Sainte-Marie

Ellen,
May your love of music bring joy and meaning as you play so that those who listen receive a gift.

Brava,
Dad and Mom

JAQUELINEREYES senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Five years of elementary school, three years of Jr. high and four years of high school all add up to a lifetime of success. You've always worked hard and pushed yourself to do your best, even through life's challenges. Congratulations and continue to strive for your dreams.

We are very proud of you!

Mom, Dad, Amanda and Diggy

NICHOLASNOVAKOVICH senior salute **senior salute**

Nicholas,

We are SO proud of you! Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Ria and Gina

SAMANTHASAKEVICIUS senior salute **senior salute**

Our dearest Samantha,

You have been the light of our lives for the past 18 years and the future will only get brighter if you always remember to follow your heart and dreams.

We love you,
Dad, Mom and Nathan

TAYLORWATROBKA senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Congratulations Taylor! May all your dreams come true. Good luck at IU!

We love you,
Dad, Mom and Ryan

KATELASSER senior salute

Spectacular Kate,

Time sure does fly! You make us so proud! We love you very much! Shine on at IU!

Be happy, be healthy, and enjoy life.

All our love,
Mom, Dad, and Mallory

CARALEENEY senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Don't change who you are. Just become better versions of yourselves. Go girls! Class of 2012!

SENIORS2012 senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

KIMMIE&TOMMY MONTELLA

Congratulations! Live your lives to the fullest and enjoy every moment. We are very proud of both of you.

Love,
Montella families

ARIMILLER senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute**

It has been such fun watching you and your friends grow up. We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. Keep dreaming big, good luck always!

Love always,
Mom, Dad & Jeremy

ANGELAROKOSZ senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Angela,
We are so proud of the person you have become!!! Follow your heart, reach for your dreams, and always believe in yourself.
All our love,
Mom and Dad

RYANMATESEVAC

Dear Ryan,

Words cannot express how proud we are of you and your accomplishments. You have grown into a strong, kind, hardworking young man. We pray you succeed at all that you wish for and your dreams come true!

We love you so much,
Mom, Dad and Sara

GABBY DALLECARBONARE

Dear Gabrielle Charmian,

Our first pancake! Dad and I have learned so much in these last 18 years. You have brought us so much joy and laughter. Your strength, humor, faith, and determination will successfully guide you into your next chapter of life. We are so excited for you, and very proud of our Gabby!
Love you to the moon and back,
Mom and Dad

JESSICAJANCOSEK

Look out!

Here she comes FIDM!

Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising

We love you bear,

Mom, Dad, Jordan, Mac, and Ben

ANDREWMOLL senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

May your journey be your joy!
The world holds only possibilities.
Congratulations Andrew!
Treasure each day and each new experience. Follow your dreams with passion, prayer, commitment and laughter.

Our love always,
Mom, Dad, and Elissa
XOXO

ALYSSASHEETS senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Alyssa,
You have grown to be an amazing person. We are proud to be on your team. Go Hoosiers!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Megan & Boomer

MICHELLEHIGGINS

Dad and I are so proud of you and what you have accomplished at MHS. We know that you will be successful in anything that you set your mind to.

Good luck at Purdue
Love, Mom and Dad

ZAKKULAM senior salute

Zak,
You've given us 18 wonderful years of joy, laughter, and pride. We know those years will never stop coming. We wish you the best of luck at Northwestern.

With much love,
Mom, Dad, and Adam

NICHOLAS**RILEY**

There are many stars in the sky, but you are definitely the brightest one. Your accomplishments are outstanding! We are very proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Steve

KRISTEN**HINES** senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

We wish for you to have people to love, people in your life who would care about you as much as we do. We wish for you to have beautiful experiences each new day as you follow your dreams.
We are so proud of you...all our love,
Mom and Dad

DAVID**HURWICH**

To our beautiful David,
We wish you happiness and success in all of your endeavors. We love you!
Mom, Dad, Risa and Allie

CALEY**MINTZ** senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Caley,
You were a curious, cute child who grew into a beautiful, confident adult!
Let the IU tradition continue!
Love,
Mom, Dad, G, and Z

BROOKEBOERMAN senior salute **senior salute**

You knew from the start what your dreams were and have worked hard to achieve them. We're so proud of you. Best wishes at Columbia. Keep strutting that runway to the stars. We love you!

Momsey and Spencer

KATEDEGEORGE

Kate,

Congratulations! We are very proud of you and your achievements. Wishing you continued success and happiness at IU.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Allison

CHRISTOPHER KRITZER senior salute

We hope your future is as bright as you. Good luck at Purdue.

Boiler up!

Love, Mom, Dad and Ryan

DANIELCANTU

Daniel Martin Cantu,

It's been a joy watching you grow up, our sunshine! We are so proud of the young man you've become with your great sense of humor and your love of music. The world is yours now.

We love you,
Mom & Dad

AJJURICK senior salute

Dear AJ,

Words cannot express how proud we are of the man you have become! We know you will do great things with your life. Congratulations!

All our love,
Mom and Dad

JOCELYNGONZALEZ senior salute **senior salute**

We are very proud of the beautiful young lady you have become. May God continue to bless you and guide you always.
Love forever,
Mom and Dad

ELLEPANAS senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Elle, we're amazed how quickly time has passed... thanks for making us proud parents. We love you very much and pray for all of God's blessings for you as a freshman at Purdue.
-Dad, Mom, and Aaron

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven- Ecclesiates 3:1

ALEKSANDRA OBRADOVIC senior salute

Congratulations, Sandra!

Words cannot express how proud we are of you and all you have accomplished.

We know your future will be successful.

We love you!

Mama, Tata, Danica & Milan

KYLE BURCZAK senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute**

Dear Kyle,

We are very proud of all you have accomplished. We're excited to see what the future holds for you. Love you much!

Love
Mom, Dad and Jill

JOELDELGADO

Joel,

I am so proud of you and all you have accomplished. Whatever your dreams may be, I know you will succeed.

Love,
Mom

BUDDAUTOBODY

Congratulations Paige and the Class of 2012. I'm so proud of you.

Love,
Dad

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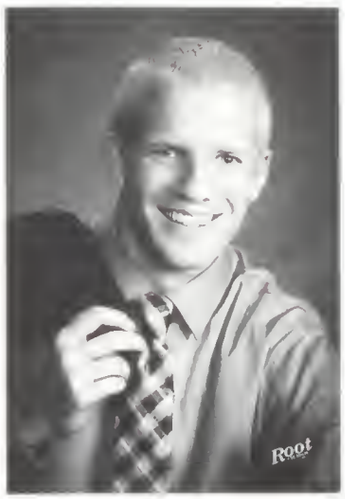

Congratulations Steve!

We are so proud of how far you have come.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Matt and Shannon

NICK&JACKLASZLO senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Nick and Jack-
Congratulations on all of your great accomplishments over the years! Continue to enjoy life and strive for success! You've earned the ticket by studying hard and never taking the easy way out. The future is yours!

Our love forever,
Mom, Dad, and Kate

ETHANFLAHAVEN senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute** senior salute **senior salute**

You are such a gift in our lives. We are so proud of all you have accomplished and filled with hope for your future. God bless you.

Love, Mom and Dad,
Jared, Seth, and Micah

"You are my sunshine."

CHRISTIANCATANIA senior salute **senior salute** senior salute

Christian,
Congratulations on your accomplishments at MHS. We couldn't be prouder of how you've used your talents and look forward to watching you continue to grow at Purdue! Boiler Up!

Love,
Dad, Mom and Gina

CHRISTOPHER MEYERS

"Dear Baby Bear,"

May all your "dreams" come true!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Richard & Daniel

PETERKARNEZIS senior salute **senior salute** senior salute &KIKIKARABATAK

Peter & Kiki,
Where has the time gone? You've grown up before our eyes!! We are so proud of both of you and look forward to all your future endeavors!! Good luck at college! We love you!!

Papou George, Yiayia Koula and all your aunts, unlces and cousins!!

MUNSTERPUBLICATIONS senior salute

Congratulations to the Publications staff for a great year! Thank you to all the seniors for your time and dedication to your publication, and thank you to H and Mrs. Hoyle for putting up with our craziness!

We will miss you, and we wish you all the best in your future!

Front row: Greg Moya, Ellen Scoleri, Lauren Oesterle, Jenna White, Bethany Pastrana, Andrew Moll

Back row: Melissa Avila, Christopher Cappo, Michael Pukoszek, Christopher Speranza, Cydnee Cruz, Matthew Blocher (drum major), Matthew Sellberg, Tanner Kuehn, Matthew Pruim, Monica Lee, Craig Popovich, Daniel Cantu, Hannah Fus, Kelly Ballard

"The great leaders are like the best conductors- they reach beyond the notes to reach the magic in the players." –Blaine Lee

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Your leadership in this year's band has played a big part in all of its accomplishments. Good luck in your future endeavors! --Munster Band Backers

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Eric Kalis

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Eamon Riley

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"My most memorable moment was when something came up where I had to find a new prom date, I was starting to run low on time, so in a matter of a couple of days, I had to quickly stir up a good idea. So I asked her by spelling out 'prom' with cookies, and she said 'yes!' I was so happy because I still got to go with someone I knew I would have a great time with. It turned out to be the most fun night of my high school career."

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"My most memorable moment had to be winning We the People State. Our team had worked so hard to get there, and we performed really well, but the competition there was really tough, and we didn't know if we would win or not. After our school's name was called as the first place winner, we all jumped and hugged each other. It was a moment when I was truly happy and super excited because we were going to Washington, D.C."

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"The best experience was being elected and attempting to be the best student body president possible."

ALEX INGOGLIA, senior

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"On the first day of school. I was super nervous, being a new kid and all, but all of the people in my classes were so nice and helped me out when I needed it. Now, most of those people are my close friends."

RACHEL JAMROSE, freshman

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"This whole year in general was memorable because it was my first year in high school. I didn't know what to expect at first, but eventually I settled in; it helped that I made so many new friends this year. But, Mr. Magrou made French class interesting all the time with his jokes and the way he got along with the kids. He always knew how to cheer up the students when they were stressed out or tired."

KRYSTEN LEAHY, freshman

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"My most memorable moment was the last song of senior Prom. I hung onto my best friends thinking high school may be over, but life is only starting, and I have my best friends, my family and my boyfriend by my side."

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"The most memorable moment outside of school would have to be when my film The Alien won best actor and best director at the Phantoscope Film Festival. The most memorable moment inside of school was actually two moments: winning vice president of Student Government and being hired to direct next year's novice show. When I was a freshman, I was in the novice show, and I made it my goal to direct one my senior year. It's amazing for things to come full circle."

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"My most memorable moment this year was in Creative Writing class when we built forts. It was really fun to just forget that we were seniors for a little while and pretend we were children."

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BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE CREATION OF 2012 PARAGON

For the first time in the last four years, all the seats in the Publications Room were filled. The staff had doubled in size for both writers and photographers. In order to adjust to the increased amount of people, experienced staff members had to share their knowledge with the new staffers. Now with more manpower, the future looked bright for the *Paragon* staff.

After implementing a strict deadline system with the almighty white board, the staff was right on schedule. Starting with fall sports, the writers met every single deadline, from the little ones to the large ones. The laptops assisted with this process since everyone had access to InDesign and Photoshop at home now, lessening the time spent in the Pub.

Regardless, the staff spent more time together than some families did, creating a special bond for everyone. The staff grew extremely comfortable with each other, sometimes too comfortable.

Aamina, still known as "the sophomore," constantly yearned for attention in the form of hugs from everyone, especially Parina. Ally played the role of DJ, and Mia cried her heart out every time One Direction came on. Priya and Martiza worked with dedication as Christiann balanced both tennis and yearbook. Bia also played a balancing act with *Crier* and *Paragon*.

The photographers united themselves with the writers whenever the staff took little breaks in the form of games. From the identity game to two truths and a lie, the staffers shared several laughs during the making of this yearbook.

Paragon Volume 47 "ONE" was printed by Herff Jones, 2525 Midpoint Dr., Edwardsville, KS 66111 with the aid of inplant Customer Service Advisor Lisa Merino. With a press run of 1,050 the 214-page book featured 100 lb. Bordaux paper. Early orders of the yearbook cost $47; while late May orders rose to $60.

The book features a staff created four-color litho cover with gloss lamination. Design inspiration came from the writers and photographers.

The yearbook theme pages featured Helvetica Neue font, while the rest of the book used AHJ CartoGothic and Palatino.

Inspiration for the theme "ONE" found its way to the writers when they reflected on the arrival of the laptops and the individuals they would affect. The staff wished to tell the stories of the students and their experiences as one person and as one school.

All pages were designed using Adobe CS4 InDesign and Photoshop. While most of the photos were shot with Nikon D70s, digital cameras, the staff photographers shot, processed and printed approximately 10 percent of the photos with black and white Ilford HP5 400 film. Haltermann/Root Photography Studios in Ottawa, IL, shot all underclassmen and senior portraits, as well as group shots, formal dances, and some play production candids.

The *Paragon* staff would especially like to thank Mr. David Russell for all of the sport team group shots and the *Crier* staff, especially Kale, because they helped with anything they could, even on their own time. The writers also truly appreciated Mrs. Hastings' mini workshops and frequent visits to get them started. Last but definitely not least, the staff thanks Mrs. Hoyle for her wonderful guidance.

CIRCLE OF LOVE Embracing each other in a group hug, the Crier staff sheds tears as their last fourth-hour together comes to a end. Through long nights on deadline weeks and collaboration on Secret Santa, staff members fostered a sense of family. "We had all been through so much together," Crier Editor-in-Chief Beatriz Costa-Lima, senior, said. "We became like brothers and sisters, and we all cried together when we realized we wouldn't see each other every day anymore." **BORN TO PERFORM** Stuffed snake wrapped around her neck, Jabree Ellis, junior, explains her costume choice as Steve Irwin for Tech Theater. Jabree was accustomed to public speaking after years on the Speech Team but was still a little nervous. "I was a little scared, but I was prepared to go up there in front of everyone," Jabree said. "The assignment was pretty cool because I got to pick a character that reflected my interests and what I thought was cool." **FACE THE MUSIC** In choir class, sophomores Morgan Papesh and Colleen Kifer make faces at each other during the warm ups. "We were crazy and loved to have fun times singing and messing around with each other!" **TWIST AND SHOUT** Sprawled out across the Twister mat, juniors Liana Varjabedian and Kendall Goldberg play games at the Dance Marathon. "The Dance Marathon was such an unbelievable experience because we were dancing for those who couldn't," Kendall said. "I was really happy that we brought it to our school. There were always ways to help good causes!"

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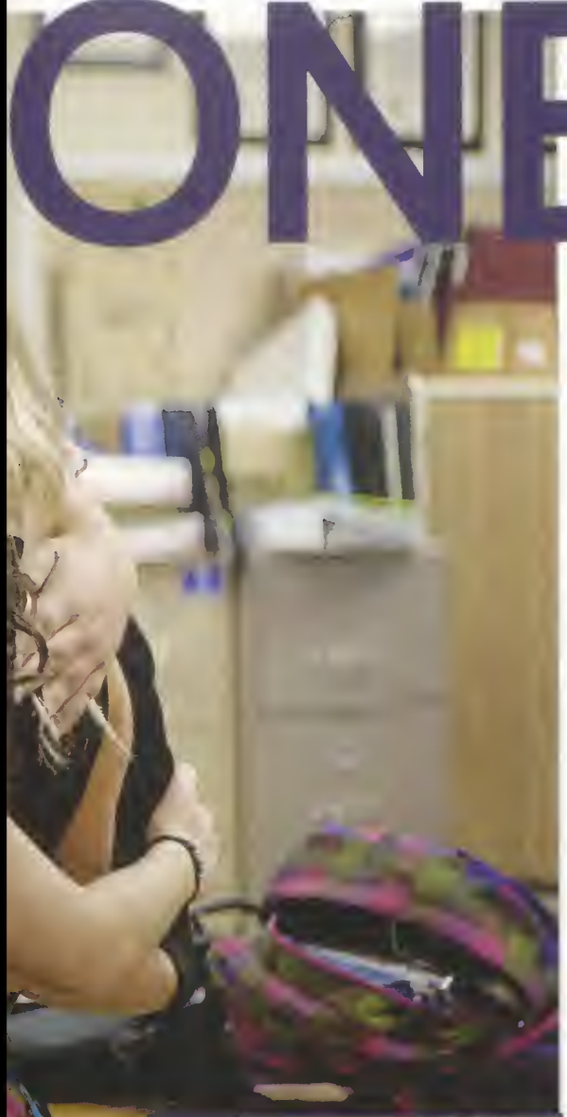


With 30 minutes left of the 108-minute sixth period on the last day of school, it was time to say goodbye to the infamous laptops. As you put the styrofoam protectors on, you realized all that you had been through with the laptops. Whether it went fuzzy or saved you when you needed to write a critical reading journal, the laptops stayed with you.

From MathXL assignments to PowerPoint projects, the laptops bolstered school unity by providing instant communication. Quickly emailing Physics labs to your partners and teachers occurred on a weekly basis. Along with the academics, you would never forget laughing at emails attached with pictures of baby animals from your friends.

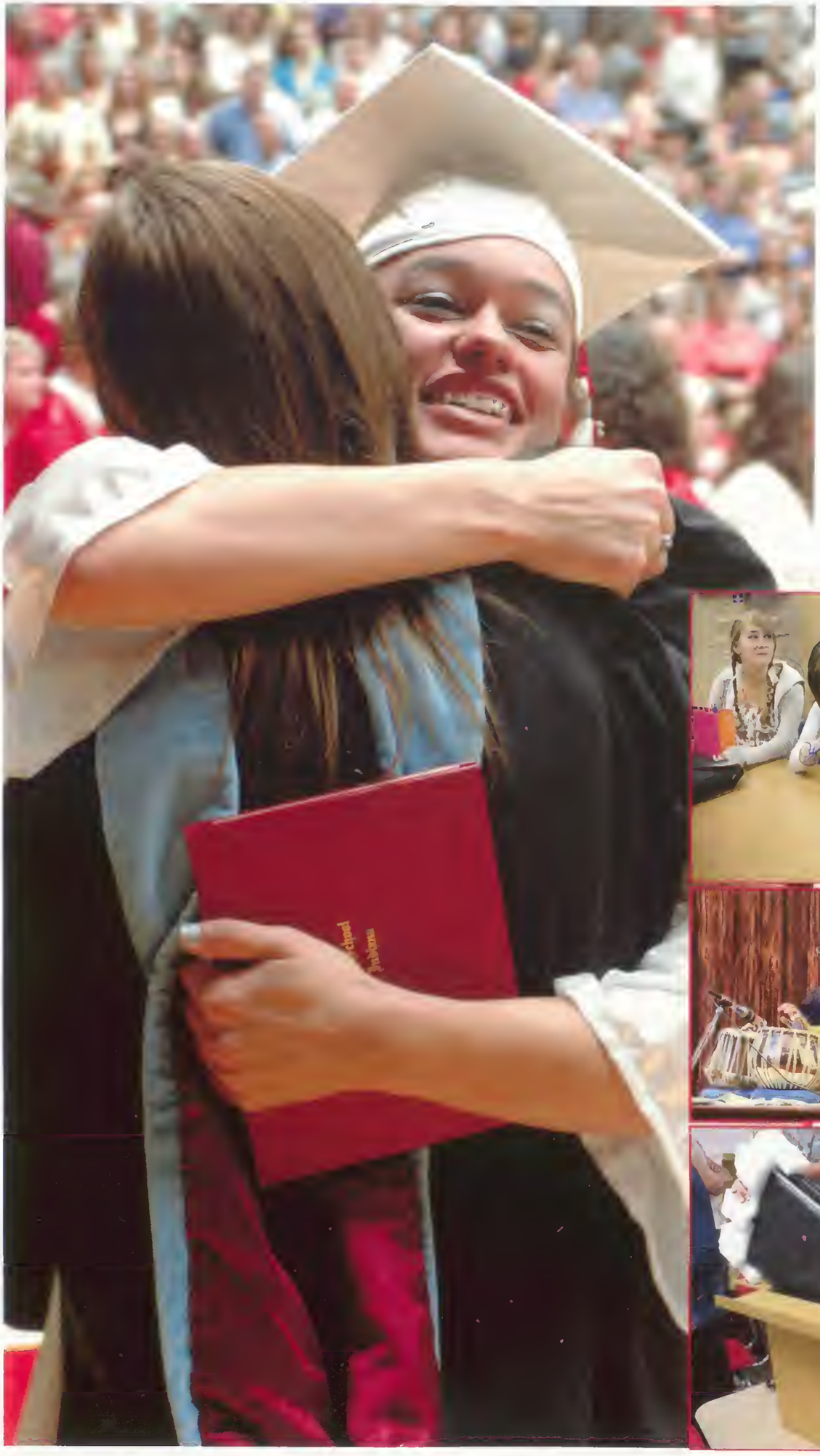
While technology fueled collaboration, students soared individually through clubs and sports. Seniors Nick Laszlo and Aabesh De and junior Sammy Dong took first at DECA Internationals and Tony Rigoni, senior, took eighth at Boys' Track State. Through these accomplishments, you exemplified your "on" attitude with persistence and dedication.

However, you also shined with your peers as one when you worked to accomplish distinguished feats. The We the People Team earned fifth place at Nationals, and the Varsity Girls' Track Team won Sectionals for the first time.

Apart from extracurricular activities, you also worked as one in the classroom. Group projects such as dissecting frogs in Honors Biology and performing scenes from Julius Caesar required you to step out of your comfort zone. Despite the sleep deprivation, grueling projects like these strengthened bonds between you and your classmates.

As clubs and academics packed your day-to-day schedule, you still found a way to cheer on the Varsity Boys' Basketball Team against Andrean and dance the night away at Prom. You also participated in new traditions when eating guacamole at the International Festival and playing Twister at the Riley's Dance Marathon. These events provided a much-needed break in your hectic year.

Whether it was staying up until 3 a.m. to study for AP tests, getting home at 11 p.m. from a track meet, or volunteering at the hospital all summer, your "on" attitude shined in almost every task you faced. Although you excelled individually in the classroom and on the court, you had ONE memorable year working as ONE



FINAL GOODBYE Hugging Ms. Wisser, guidance counselor, after getting her diploma, Kayla Keith, senior, rejoices during graduation. "I was excited to graduate, but what I was going to miss most was seeing my friends every day all week," Kayla said. "I was excited about seeing what life had to offer me, and I felt like these four years passed in the blink of an eye." **PARTY TIME** With gift bags from the *Crier* staff, Journalism students Nikki Mammano, sophomore; Elena Piech, freshman; and Lauren Rouse, sophomore, celebrate the last day of school. "I liked that they gave us gift bags," Elena said. "It was a 'we survived' gift because the class did have its moments that made us question if Pub was really what we wanted to get into. It felt like the past students understood that." **PICTURE PERFECT** Smiling on stage, Sameer Chintamani, junior, and Siddarth Divakaruni, freshman, perform during HUM Culture Night. "I was playing the tabla, a type of Indian percussion instrument," Sidd said. "I basically just did goofy improvisation that went along with the beat of a song from an Indian movie. That part of HUM was different because it showed our dance, fashion, and what we could do." **BOXED IN** Packing away her laptop, Jessica Ivetich, junior, happily says goodbye. "I didn't really like the laptops," Jessica said. "There were so many problems with them. Plus, I was more of a book person, and I learned better when I read pages instead of a screen."

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I received a love letter from my "secret lover." It was not mailed to me, it simply had my name on it. I also received a candy gram from this same person. I have no idea w
After lunch, my girlfriends and I went outside of the lunchroom. My friend sat down, but there were no chairs. She thought she was sitting on a garbage can, but she was
shopping cart. I accidentally wore my brother's clothes to school. I did my first all-nighter working on a paper. In gym class freshman year, the volleyball went out of the
making me really embarrassed. I went to the IU vs. Ohio State game on New Year's Eve. I won Angry Birds. I got lost on my way to class. I snuck up onto the school's roof and threw snowballs at cars. I saw my brot
fight at lu nit. I elbo v best frie the f a basketball ind asket d back, rol d the in. My dad caught my friend dancing o
I starte ng better and s ng frie ith m ones. I was down by 20 points in N 12 and I ca ack a had 3 dif hers a Star Wars reference in one day. I worked at a summ
met n orite musician s birt vear I d var asketball as a freshman. One of my ds pantsed er. I g alloone ool or vay to my car. I saw people running to lunch and one
had a e on the entire of n f mec g. I w g classroom, and eve looked at r ny. I o from y r AP binated in first period and thought that m
hono inst Morton, I g conc n ar s s ssed on offense. at a h inc to he room the bathroom doo
the w. ce first. I fell face had t s to f teeth that got moved out of place. ped my scl iptop ut t the ol pa ot. I was on my way to school when an old classmate
sight w beautiful o take ture of nning to school and made it with a minut bare. I had eats culls orgo p my r up, went to class, sat down, and realized what was
and glass. t dance ver been ed ou e cafeteria. I learr that not peo are ey ear. t in my Creative Writing cl
blocks because of a dead battery. I picked up a new sport and ended up being pretty good at it. I didn't start my ten-page research paper for AP Com
They were trying to steal my pet rat, Scabbers, a.k.a Peter Pettigrew. I don't know what they wanted from him, but they meant business. I use
Every day I miss him more and more and I cry myself to sleep. I love you Scabbers. My friend and I got lost on the expressway. I went
same week as Regionals for Marching Band. I debated for the first time at a tournament and won one round. I did 100 pushups in a rov
old man in Spanish. I tricked my friend into eating a dog treat. I got my driver's permit. I got jacked. I got accepted into the Northwest I
the whole class on the last day of the semester. I was dubstepping. I made Varsity Dance and I got my letterman jacket. A kid in my ma
went to Alaska and saw a whale. I listened to Animal Crackers in my Soup. Best song. On November 12, my brand new car got totaled
we would be moving from Miami to Indiana so during the winter break we had a road trip from Miami to here. I saw a mouse in a gym locker and let out a scream. I was walking t
of school so I got lost and I was like fifteen minutes late. I got to meet old friends that I haven't seen in years. This year I had knee surgery over Christmas break. This yea
chem because Mr. Graves' head was bobbing up and down because he fell asleep during a movie. I ran Cross Country, it was the heart warming story of the year. I fell d
a perfect score. I played a game of twister with my brothers Neil and Nicky. I got an A+ on a test... only one time though. I was in class and I cracked a joke, it
piano in complete darkness. I met my favorite basketball player, Jajuan Johnson, twice actually! My friend and I went ghost hunting and discovered m
party over the weekend. My family and friends came over. We had a great time. It may have been the best party I'll go to all year. I went skiing for the f
to class, and my laptop strap broke off. My friends and I had a Skittle fight and I got hit in the eye. I tried the wrap special in lunch- I will never do that again. I had the id
to D.C. I raced my friend down the hall. I only slept 12 hours in four nights due to homework. I got a lot of homework. It was too much to handle so I
front of everyone. It was so embarrassing but hilarious at the same time. I went to the Mall of America. I slipped on a French fry at lunch. It was pretty
½ cup of oil. I dressed all wacky for the swim team, and we looked crazy. I did extremely awful on my finals. During the summer I jumped in a fountain
thought a wet floor sign meant free slip n' slide. I was wrong. Several bruises prove that. I went to Homecoming alone. I played a basketball game aft
work helped us go to State for the first time in history, definitely was the best day ever. When it was silent in study hall, I tried to sit in m
yes. I listened to Mr. Percifield ramble on about his past. It was interesting, but I wanted to finish my book. My travel volleyball team vis
new puppy this year. I was promised Honey Buns. I received a fulfilling and useful, well-rounded education. I got
day. I thought I wouldn't like it, but I actually did enjoy the movie. My boyfriend left for the Marines. I studied for
time, I was able to change lanes. I helped a freshman find their classes. I had to wait two months to get a parking
because I was talking and walking with my friend and got distracted. We won in biddy. I became captain of the
away. I went to my senior homecoming. I went to lunch, but it wasn't my lunch so I went back. After years of school, I finally graduated from 8th grade, finally starting the exciting high school years. This year I got a perfect on
an all-nighter writing a 10 page essay. I partied hard. I complained about a teacher to Dr. Gilworth. I went to Italy, and I had the time of my life. I went to a National Tennis Tournament and got second place. My friend and I bo
. Someone stole my iPhone in Fort Wayne. I placed at every debate tournament. I judged DECA role plays at study sessions. We walked in Kansas City. I made a lot of new friends and got really close
characters for Spirit Week with my friends. One of my friends was Pac Man, and we were ghosts. We chased each other around the hallway, making the Pac Man noises
school. I ran a Cross Country race. A new girl sat at our lunch table. I left half of my cell phone case on the bus. I got hurt and had to wear a brace on my arm! I bought a
my friend's house. Our band went to State. I went downtown to go shopping. I fell in the hallway. I did my homework. I broke my wrist. I had to fill out th
I made new friends. I turned on my school laptop. I got an A on a test. I fell asleep in class. I was walking, and so
My friend dragged me across the band room floor. In gym when we saw each other walking the track, we would
Walgreens. My flip flop broke at school. I got shocked by my friend's cat. I got a detention. I tried out for Volleyba
because I had knee surgery. I made the Volleyball Team, and I made the top elite club volleyball team for travel volleyball. I got an A on a Government test.
I laughed forever. I realized I should start working at my full potential. I watched one of my ex-best friends hit someone's car while parking, then walk away. I learned a lo
I got a sticker for a good grade. I got a perfect on an accounting test. I walked into the wrong classroom. I was walking to my third hour class, and I forgot where I was going. I went to class, then lunch, then baseball, then I we
her throwing detention slips all above our bodies, yelling, "Well, that's what happens when you don't listen to me carefully." I got all A's. I got a detention. I walked my dog. I did my homework and turned it in. I saw a kid dancir
hallways and named one of the garbage cans Marcus. I swam varsity. I broke my foot. I fell asleep in all my classes. I ate an apple. I had to take a survey for the Paragon. I went to Ch
in the parking lot. My schedule changed. I had a big house party with friends and had fun. I joined French Club. I made Freshman Volleyball. I strained a leg muscle, and
my laptop case straps and fell. I tripped in the hallway and dropped all my books. My friends ruined a movie for me, so I di
the morning. My best friend and I got to be in a webchat with Daniel Radcliffe. I ate pizza. We had a good time in
of the whole class. I was walking to my car, and I slipped on ice. I became a hero. I slipped while shoveling snow
change into a suit in a bathroom stall. I opened my locker. I fell down a flight of stairs. I rushed out of sixth hour a
danced in the hallway. I scored a goal in my soccer game. I signed myself up for tumbling. I shoveled snow. I had soccer practice. I played floo
a cool car; it went fast. I went to Miami. I went to an indoor track in Wisconsin. I won my Volleyball Game. My friends and I laughed so hard at lunch, w
Purdue blew a 19 point lead at Xavier. I had to work on a project. I ran into a garbage can. I was late to class. I fell asleep in a class, and my
date. Take a guess who the teacher is. I got an A on my math test. I bought an iPad 2. I went trick-or-treating. I s
an elephant and developed elephantitis. I desperately tried to get tickets to a One Direction concert. I got my first dete
blood. I was walking in the hallway, and my laptop bag randomly snapped and fell onto the floor. People laughed at me, and it was so embarrassing. I was abducted by a
the other guy forfeited. I ate too much feta cheese and water and almost threw up. I started dating my best friend. I was going to
a concussion by banging my head on my desk. I got my acceptance letter to IU Honors. I didn't drink Coke for 12 hours, and I had maj
I broke my ankle while snowboarding. I learned how to speak Chinese. I flew over to my boyfriend's college to surprise him on his birth
grams, and the note said "For for you, Glen Coco, you go Glen Coco." I went to France four times. I stayed up until 2:30 in the morning
adopted a baby girl. My band auditioned for Battle of the Bands, and we got to perform. I bought 16 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. I made the wrestling team. I graduated with honors. I
Hi-C in the morning, and I had to go to the bathroom five times during the day. I got one of my tweets retweeted three times. I followed Jesus Christ on twitter, and it was the best decision of my
Qualifier in debate. My mom made me cheesecake for my birthday. I ripped a hole in the pocket of my brand new sweatshirt. My dog actually did eat my homework. I made my boyfriend make
passed without getting tickets, and it was the best night ever. I got a cheddar bomb from Wendy's. I led the conga line at Turnabout. I got the Kelly scholarship at IU. I celebrated my three year
it to Nationals with my tennis league. I finally got my license. I was a superfan at the Munster vs. Andrean basketball game and got to be a part of the Red Sea. I stayed up all n
of the year. My phone rang during one of Mrs. Premetz's tests, and I got it confiscated. I saw Senor's
went undefeated. I broke one million points on Temple Run. I went to my first concert. I got to go on a
itter. I got my first tardy. I wore face paint to a football game. I brought
topus for the first time. I watched Pan's Labryinth in Spanish 5. I misse
n the first place. I finally tried everything on the regular menu at Starbucks. I tried Qdoba for the f
ywhre. I got a new puppy. My parents bought me a new car. I borrowed my friend's old dress for Prom to
oyfriend got me a new watch for Christmas. I left up my Christmas tree until February. I went to outer spa
t to the Florida Keys with Project Bio. We made our first yearbook deadline. My hair looked really gross.
. I got a birthday tennis ball from Mr. Lopez. I made a LOLCAT and e-mailed it to my friends.
n they had to, and we ended up sitting in my car waiting. I had to drive 12 hours to S

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As students experienced events from the Hollywood-themed Homecoming to the creation of new classrooms in South, they reflected upon themselves and their futures. Whether a career decision or aiming to own a BMW, students see themselves achieving individual goals. Along with personal views, students envision times together with friends and family. Working towards that trip to Paris or scholarship to Purdue University, students portray their “on” mentality through perseverance. Motivated by themselves and others, students take on tasks and accomplish them. The various goals represent the mixed ideas, but the determined attitude brings everyone together.